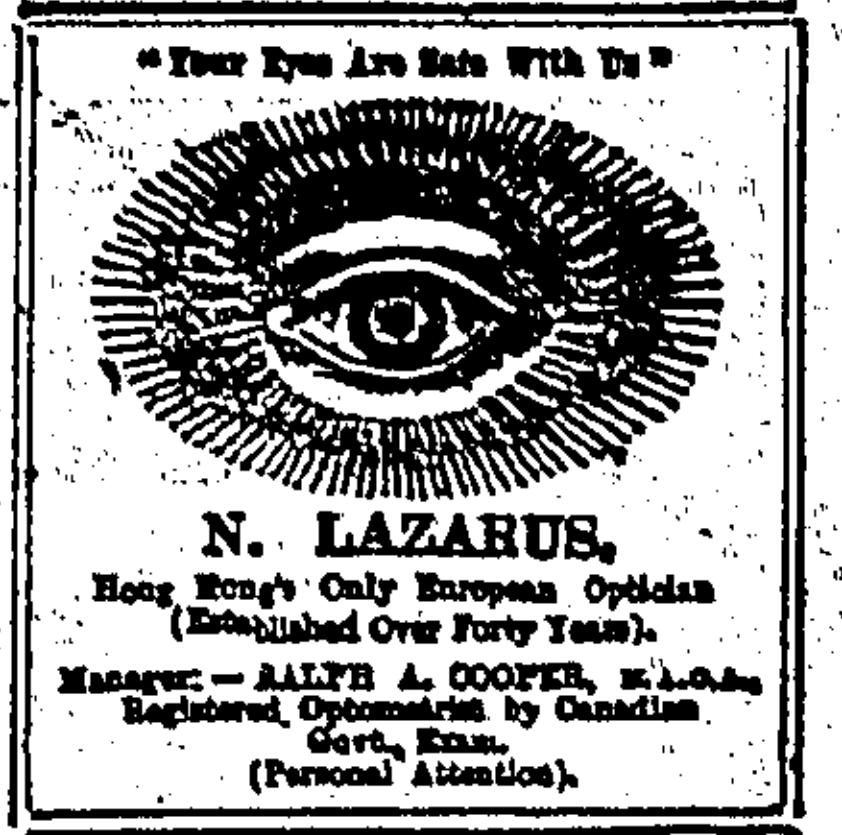


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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME FOR PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT.

ARRIVING AT HONG KONG ON APRIL 25.

Tokyo (U.P.).—H.R.H. Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, the third son of King George, will leave London on March 22, by the P. & O. steamer Morea, accompanied by the Earl of Airli, Lord Herbert Meade, Naval A.D.C. to the King, Major-General Sir Hugh Elles, Capt. Howard Kerr, Esq., in attendance, and Mr. Lloyd Thomas, Secretary to the Mission. Arriving at Hong Kong on April 25, the Prince will embark on H.M.S. Suffolk, and is due to reach Yokohama at 8 a.m. on May 2.

Prince Chichibu, brother of the Emperor, will board the Suffolk to welcome Prince Henry, and will accompany the mission to Tokyo.

The Kasumigasaki detached palace in Kojimachi-ku, will be placed at the disposal of Prince Henry as his residence during his stay in Tokyo.

The palace stands above a short ascent where in ancient days a barrier gate stood, the road at that time being on the great highway called Oshu Kaido. Formerly the palace was the residence of the Daimeyo Kuroda, and afterwards became the Palace Arisugawa, of the Imperial family.

Japanese Committee.
The following Japanese officials have been nominated as committee attached to the mission:—Baron Gensuke Hayashi, G.C.V.O., who was Japanese Minister at the Court of St. James from 1920 onwards, Rear-Admiral Naotaro Ominato, C.B.E., Major-General Harushige Ninomiya, C.V.O., D.S.C., Viscount Keimin Matsudaira, Master of Ceremonies, Iyemasa Tokugawa, O.B.E., Consul-General, Sydney, Commander Takeo Yamagata, Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. Colin John Davidson, C.I.E., C.V.O., Japanese Counsellor at the British Embassy, Tokyo, will be in attendance on the mission.

The programme arranged is as follows:—

Thursday, May 2, H.M.S. Suffolk arrives in Yokohama at 8 a.m., and Prince Chichibu will at once proceed on board to welcome Prince Henry. Landing at 9 a.m. special train to Tokyo, where H.M. the Emperor will meet and welcome Prince Henry on arrival of the train at the Central Station.

After luncheon at the Kasumigasaki Palace, visits to the Meiji Shrine at Aoyama, and the Yasukuni Shrine above Kudan Hill.

In the evening, there will be a rehearsal of the ceremony of investiture, and private dinner with Prince Chichibu.

Ceremony of Investiture.
Friday, May 3, Ceremony of investiture of the order of the Garter, at the Imperial Palace.

Visits of ceremony will be exchanged between H.M. the Emperor, Prince Henry, and Imperial Princes, and in the afternoon a reception will be held at the Kasumigasaki Palace.

In the evening, a state dinner at the Imperial Palace.

On Saturday, May 4, Prince Henry will lunch with the Minister for the Navy, attend a garden party given by the British Society, and in the evening, dine at the British Embassy.

Sunday, May 5, Divine service at St. Andrew's Church. Lunch with the Oxford and Cambridge Club. In the afternoon, a display of military fencing and feats of arms. In the evening, dinner with Prince Mitsu.

Monday, May 6, Visits to the Narashino Military College, followed by luncheon with the Minister of War, General Shirakawa. In the evening, private dinner at the British Embassy.

Tuesday, May 7, Forenoon visits to the Tama Mausoleum, where the

late Emperor Taisho is buried. Luncheon with Prince Tokugawa, President of the House of Peers. Garden party at the British Embassy. In the evening, dinner at the official residence of Baron Tanaka, Premier and Minister for Foreign Affairs, followed by a Soiree.

Wednesday, May 8, Morning not fixed. In the afternoon, golf on the Komazawa links. In the evening, Ball at the British Embassy.

Thursday, May 9, In the morning, farewell visit to the Emperor, and luncheon at the Imperial Palace. Afternoon, H.M. the Emperor will pay a return visit. Dinner with Princess Higashi Fushimi.

Following the week of official functions, a programme of sight-seeing has been tentatively arranged as follows:—

Friday, May 10, Nikko.

Saturday, 11, Nikko to Chusenji and back to Nikko.

Sunday, 12, From Nikko to Miyunoshita.

Monday, 13, Miyunoshita to Lake Shijo.

Tuesday, 14, From Shijo, 9 a.m., to Kyoto, evening.

Wednesday, 15, Kyoto, Hodzu rapids, palaces, temples.

Thursday, 16, Kyoto: Mount Hiei and Lake Biwa.

Friday, 17, Kyoto, evening, to Nara.

Saturday, 18, Nara, evening, to Kure.

Sunday, 19, Kure—Etajima (Naval College)—Miyajima.

Monday, 20, Miyajima—Kobe.

Tuesday, 21, Kobe—Osaka (luncheon) Gifu (cormorant fishing) Inuyama Hotel for night.

Wednesday, 22, Gifu—Yokohama. Dinner with Governor and Mayor. British residents ball.

Thursday, 23, Kamakura. Afternoon, leave for Vancouver.

LINER'S DOCTOR OVERBOARD.

TRAGIC END OF A CUNARD
SURGEON.

Dr. H. T. Rossiter, aged forty-eight, surgeon on board the Cunard liner Caronia, disappeared overboard when the Caronia neared New York recently.

Dr. Rossiter, whose home was at Stubbington, Hants, before becoming a Cunard surgeon had been senior casualty officer at St. Thomas' Hospital, London; senior house surgeon at Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford; and senior house physician at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

A cable from New York states that officers of the liner said that Dr. Rossiter left a note in his cabin. His wife and mother live on Staten Island, New York.

Dr. Rossiter let his house at Stubbington, Hants, in December last.

STUDYING UNDERGROUND ANIMAL LIFE.

NEW ITALIAN SOCIETY
FORMED.

POSTUMIA (U.P.).—The newly-created Italian Institute of Speleology, or science of grottoes, caves and underground waters has just begun its work in the large building assigned by the Government for the purpose at Postumia, where grottoes are world-famous.

The programme of the new institute comprises examinations and reports on all the caves and grottoes of Italy, with special reference to their geological and physical formation.

Investigations will also be made into the animal life of underground caverns and grottoes. Fossil deposits will be examined and reported upon, and a search made for pre-historic remains, while plant life in underground regions will be studied.

WOMAN DIES OF FEAR.

HEART FAILURE BEFORE AN
OPERATION.

A woman's death from fear while being given an anesthetic for an operation was described at the Hammersmith inquest on Mrs. Agnes Mary Welstead, aged forty-five, wife of an electrician.

The coroner, recording a verdict of "Death from heart failure following shock set up by intense fear and accelerated by an anesthetic," said that in these days people were not hardy enough to withstand abdominal operations without being given an anesthetic.

Dr. R. M. Bronte, the pathologist, said Mrs. Welstead could easily have been cured of the disease in her stomach by an operation. Death, however, was due to heart failure from shock. The fear of the operation must have caused a mental storm, and giving an anesthetic added to it.

The coroner: She died of fear, then?—Yes, fear of the operation.

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.
(March 21st.)

Hockey: Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI. v. Recreio, King's Park, 5 p.m.
Final Concert Helen's May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Extraordinary general meeting, R.A.O.B. Club, 6 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Laugh Clown Laugh."

World Theatre: "Impetuous Youth."

Star Theatre: "Sally, Irene, and Mary."

European Mails:—Inward: London via Straits, parcel mail (Kamata); London via Negapatnam, letters only (Yuen Sang). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Kamata), 6 p.m.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner, Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Friday.

(March 22nd.)

Christian Fellowship meeting, Helen's May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
Hong Kong Electric Co., 40th ordinary meeting, P. and O. Building, 11 a.m.

Queen's College Old Boys' Association, 9th annual meeting, College Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club, annual general meeting, 5.45 p.m.

Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, dinner, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Laugh Clown Laugh."

World Theatre: "The 13th Hour."

Star Theatre: "Miss Brewster's Millions" also "Nina and Jacques" dancers.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

European Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Khyber).

Saturday.

(March 23rd.)

University Sports, half mile open, 4.30 p.m.

Queen's College Athletic Sports, Causeway Bay, Prize distribution, 5.30 p.m.

Cricket:—Division I: Craigengower v. Chinese (F), Indians v. Kowloon (F), Navy v. Hong Kong

C.C. (F), Division II: University v. Civil Service (L), Kowloon v. Indians (F), Hong Kong C.C. v. Police (F).

Football:—First Division: Recreio v. K.O.S.B., Police v. Chinese Ath., Kowloon v. Queen's Club v. Royal Artillery, Small Units v. Navy. Second Division: Queen's v. R.A.F., Royal Artillery v. University, Small Units v. Navy, K.O.S.B. v. Chinese Ath., Eastern v. S. China "B," St. Joseph's v. S. China "A," Recreio v. Kowloon.

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Dinner Dance: Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m., Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

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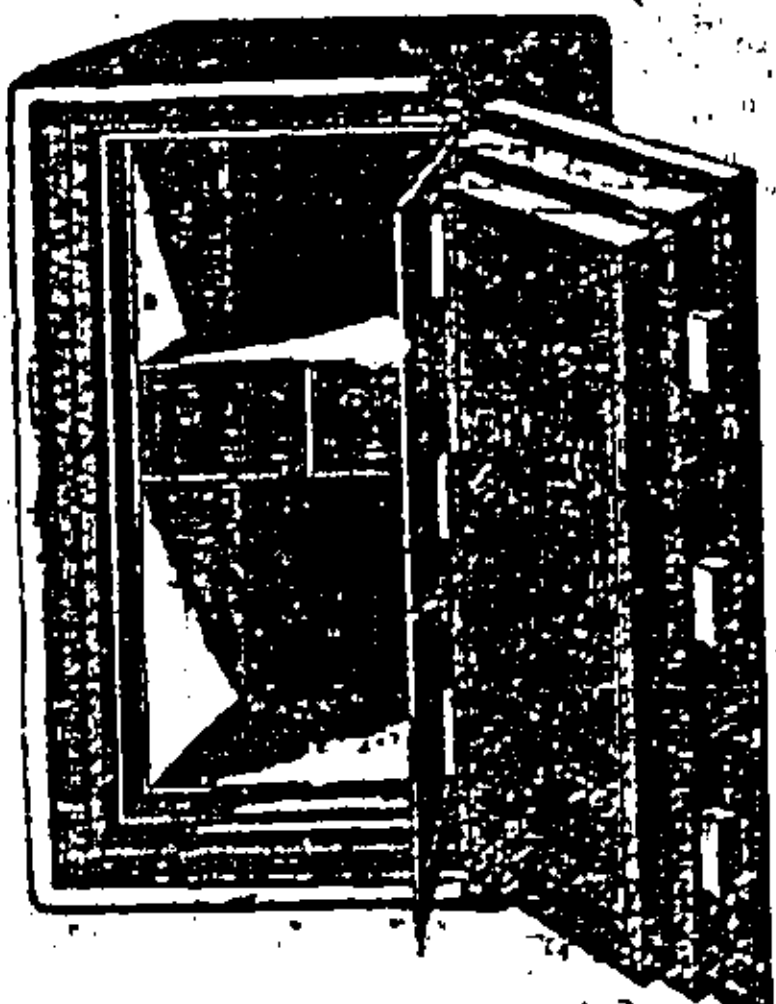
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London.MURDER OR
SUICIDE?LEGEND OF MEYERLING
OLD CONTROVERSIES
REVIVED.

Berlin (U.P.).—Seemingly the legend of Meyerling will not die. It is four decades since Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria and his mistress, the 17-year-old Baroness Marie Vetsera, were found dead in Meyerling Chateau near Vienna. That they killed themselves has been fairly well established; nevertheless the legend that they were murdered continues to grow and to find credulous audiences.

There are at least four popular "solutions of the crime" at present in circulation. One has it that a simple woodsman or peasant killed the pair, but the motive varies with the narrator. Another substitutes an outraged kinsman of Marie for the woodsman. A third contends that Rudolph shot his mistress and then himself in the midst of drunken revelry. Number four, employing vengeance as the motive, was a few weeks ago, upon the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the tragedy, given new life by a usually conservative Berlin newspaper.

A Jealous Lover.

This journal published what were represented as authentic documents supporting the theory that the fiancé of the young Baroness was the "murderer." According to this version, he broke into the chamber where she and the Crown Prince were sleeping and without preliminary formalities fired the shot which disposed of his alleged rival in love. Thereupon Marie unhesitatingly took her own life.

Critics of this "solution," however, assert that Marie was not engaged to be married, although it was understood at the time that she was soon to be betrothed to Duke Miguel of Braganza. Moreover, they point with considerable satisfaction to the biography of the Crown Prince, published a few months ago, which was written by Baron von Mitis, erstwhile keeper of the royal archives of Austria. The biography is said to contain documentary evidence which makes it impossible to accept any but the suicide theory.

Among these documents are several farewell letters which Rudolph and Marie addressed to their relatives and friends shortly before the occurrence, and all of these strongly suggest that the couple was contemplating self-destruction. To her mother the Baroness wrote: "We are already very curious to see what the other world is like"; while to her beloved intended, Duke Miguel, she bequeathed her treasured fur neck-piece, which in a mockingly cheerful note she asked him to hang on his canopy bed as a tribute to her memory.

During the Night.

It was on January 28th, 1889, that Crown Prince Rudolph, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Prince Philipp of Coburg, and by Count Hoyos, drove out to Meyerling, ostensibly for a few days of shooting. Rudolph, however, excused himself from the hunt, pleading a bad cold. The following evening he dined alone with Count Hoyos and retired early, commanding his man-servant, Loschek, to awaken him for breakfast at seven-thirty in the morning.

When the next morning the Prince failed to respond to Loschek's repeated knocking, Prince Philipp and Hoyos were summoned and they broke in the locked door of Rudolph's chamber. On the bed Rudolph and Marie lay dead, each with a bullet wound in the right temple. In his right hand, the index finger still tightly gripping the trigger, Rudolph held a revolver, which when broken open was found to contain two empty cartridges. Near his left hand lay a mirror, which he apparently had used in taking aim.

During the night of the 30th of January the body of the Prince was removed to the Imperial Palace. The following night, under even more remarkable circumstances, the body of the Baroness was taken out of Meyerling. Wrapped in a fur mantle, it was placed in a sitting position in a "cab" between two uncles of the girl, and the cab was then driven off with unusual haste to the private burial ground of a religious order. And there, without ceremony, without benefit of clergy and under the cover of night, a shallow grave was hurriedly dug and into this mean trench was lowered all that remained mortal of the Crown Prince's mistress.

Complying with the legal forms of the day, a protocol concerning the burial was drawn up by the two kinsmen. This read: "With in the communal precincts of Meyerling was found a female corpse with a bullet wound in the head, which was recognized by the undersigned witnesses, Count Stockau and Herr Belpazi (the uncles of the girl), as that of Baroness Marie Vetsera, and they buried it in the Pity Cross."

HELPING RUSSIAN
FARMERS.SOVIET PREMIER'S 5-YEAR
PLAN.
AN EFFORT TO RAISE GRAIN
PRODUCTION.

Moscow (U.P.).—Two significant promises just made by Premier Alexei Rykov will undoubtedly be received with satisfaction by the peasantry of the Soviet Union.

Speaking at a national congress of agronomists here, M. Rykov declared:

First: that the higher prices for grain instituted this year will be maintained in the following years, thus giving the grain farmers a measure of assurance that their labour will not be lost through cuts in prices.

Second: that the Government will soon announce revisions in the agricultural tax lifting the tax burden by about 15 per cent., from the shoulders of the so-called "middle" peasants.

Concessions to Sentiment.

These promises are clearly concessions to sentiment in the villages—albeit, but concessions none the less. M. Rykov again emphasized the official policies of "socialising" agriculture and suppressing the richest or "kulak" peasants. The practical measures to satisfy the "middle" farmers, however, indicate that the Government is taking steps to encourage greater immediate production pending the realization of its Communist objectives in the villages.

In connection with the tax revisions it is especially interesting to note that the benefits will accrue to the mass of "middle" peasants, those neither poor enough to be exempted from taxation nor rich enough to fall into the pariah class of "kulaks." In past years the announcement of tax laws invariably stressed the advantages for the poor peasants.

The Government in the last year received from agricultural taxes between 430 and 450 million roubles, Rykov said, and the figure would have been about 450 millions if not for the partial crop failures in Southern Russia.

This year the Government expects to receive only 375 million roubles—a reduction of at least 15 per cent. Should plans for a 10 per cent. increase in the total crops materialize, it would really mean a reduction of nearly 30 per cent. in the tax.

Exemption for Two Years.

As a further measure to stimulate the "middle" peasants to greater efforts, the new law will exempt from taxation for two years land sown in excess of the area under cultivation last year. In a great many regions the tax is calculated on the basis of the area sown. This has operated to discourage some peasants from planting all available land. Official plans call for an increase in acreage this year by 3 per cent. and an increase in productivity by 7 per cent.—in other words, a gain of about 10 per cent. in the total crops.

It is questionable whether this goal will be reached. It has already been admitted in the official Press that the winter sowings were not up to plans—and unofficial reports state that the winter acreage is slightly below last year's. A special drive is being made to retrieve lost ground by "unusually large spring plantings."

Premier Rykov outlined the Soviet 5-year plan for agrarian expansion. As is generally known, it involves not merely the establishment of huge "bread factories" and village "collective" farms, but the modernization of the individual farmer's methods. By means of machinery, selected seeds, the many-field system, etc., it is hoped by the authorities to raise production from 30 to 35 per cent.

"We must transform the Soviet Union into a country exporting millions of tons of grain," M. Rykov said in conclusion.

HUNTING FORMER WAR
LORDS.

BIG PRIZES FOR HEADS.

Peking (U.P.).—Chinese "head-hunters" are again given the opportunity of making fortunes as high as \$100,000 for the capture, dead or alive, of some of the former northern warlords who are now defying the central government. The rewards are offered by the Shansi military commanders in Peking.

The highest prize is offered for the capture of Chang Tsung Chang, who has dared to set up a new government in defiance of Nanking. The price on his head is set at \$100,000. Lesser sums are offered for subordinate commanders.

REBELLIONS IN
KANSU.MOHAMMEDANS RESORT
TO VIOLENCE.
HEAVY DEATH ROLLS
FEARED.

Peking (U.P.).—Reliable reports received by the Kansu guild in Peking state that one of the greatest catastrophes in China's long history of catastrophes has occurred during the past nine months in Kansu province, almost unnoticed by the outside world and even by other parts of China.

The second great rebellion of Mohammedans in Kansu within a year is now occurring, with appalling loss of life and property, these guild reports show. A previous rebellion occurred last autumn, and it was estimated that at least 500,000 persons lost their lives, either in the uprising or subsequently from starvation.

Famine Still Prevalent.

The new rebellion has now spread over two-thirds of the province, and has thrown the provinces into a state of anarchy equalled only during the great Mohammedan rebellion in the same province in 1868 and in the years following.

The province is nominally under the control of Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang, and his troops succeeded in subduing the Mohammedans last autumn. But they have now broken out with renewed violence, and the new rebellion appears to be much more far-reaching than the previous one.

The estimate of deaths directly or indirectly due to these two rebellions varies from 800,000 to 2,000,000. The unhappy people can find little relief in neighbouring provinces, which have been hard-hit by famines and bandits.

Although Kansu is only a few hundred miles from Peking, events in the remote province pass almost unnoticed here, as it is difficult to get any accurate news. The province does not possess a single mile of railway, and its roads are virtually impassable in the winter and early spring.

Nationalist Army Powerless.

The foreign reports coming from the province are sent by W. W. Simpson, an American missionary who has worked among the people of Kansu for almost twenty years, and travels constantly over the province. His reports amply confirm the information gathered by the Kansu guild.

"The Moslem rebellion is not only un-suppressed," it is spread," writes Mr. Simpson in the last letter received here. "The Nationalist army seems powerless to quell these fierce raiders, who think nothing of a dash of 100 miles in 30 hours. Thousands of men who can get nothing to eat have turned bandits, and are robbing and killing everybody weaker than themselves."

These big armies, fighting back and forth over the whole of the province, are consuming the last particle of food left. The rear guard of the armies often go three days without food because all has been consumed by the soldiers in front. And when Moslem rebels have to go so long hungry, what must be the condition of the people?"

TONG WARFARE IN
MANILA.CHINESE FEELING AGAINST
JAPAN.

Manila (U.P.).—Supporters of the local anti-Japanese campaign among local Chinese are distressed over an infusion of tong war activities which has cast their economic drive into some disrepute. Spokesmen for the movement to ban handling of Japanese commodities by Chinese merchants in the Philippines are emphatic in disclaiming any desire for violence either against the Japanese or against Chinese who offend against the rule.

One murder and many reported threats are declared to be due to factional feuds, not to the handling of Japanese goods.

Getting Rid of Agitators.

The Chinese assert that their movement is part of a concerted enterprise in China and all other parts of the world in which Chinese trade. To embody the idea of violence in such a programme would be to invite international turmoil.

Already there is a definite movement here to oust a considerable number of alleged Chinese trouble-makers, whether they are simply local tong leaders, professional gunmen or anti-Japanese agitators. A list of more than 80 names of possible deportees is in the hands of the Governor-General.

Boycott leaders say they are wholly in sympathy with any necessary acts against those who break the laws of the Philippines, but they protest against being classified with the lawbreakers. Their efforts are being directed along regular channels, and violence or other illegal activities are no part of them, it is asserted.

SEARCHING FOR
LOST SOULS.JAPANESE FISHERMEN'S
FUNERAL.

AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

Honolulu (U.P.).—A miniature sampan, about 10 feet in length, is somewhere on the broad bosom of the Pacific to-day, if waves have been merciful, bobbing along in search of the souls of six Japanese fishermen lost at sea. No human hand guides this little craft which was cast adrift, sails set, into the trade winds as part of picturesque Buddhist rites for the seamen given up as dead.

In the sampan were fruit and vegetables, sandals, water, many flowers and six "toba" or sticks of wood bearing the names in real life of the victims—S. Kawamura, M. Yano, T. Sano, G. Kusama, T. Iida and L. Rosario—one on each side, and their posthumous Buddhist names on the other.

These seamen were believed to have been lost in the severe Christmas storms. Their boat was in-bound from Necker island and should have reached Honolulu shortly after Christmas but it never appeared. The ill-fated craft was the Daikoku Maru.

An Old Legend.

The miniature ritualistic sampan will carry the souls of the lost fishermen to paradise, according to the symbolism of the faith of the mourners. The belief follows an old Okinawan legend, according to which those for whom the provisional funeral was held would be provided with food and water until their safe return.

The ceremonies caused no little sensation in Honolulu, as hundreds of mourners followed a hearse which carried the flower-laden sampan through the streets to Kewalo wharf. Many of the marchers carried symbolic articles, such as lanterns and pennants, and were dressed in colourful robes and costumes.

At the wharf, a large tent was erected for the services. Tributes to the missing fishermen were read, prayers were said, and solemn chants intoned. Bells jangled rhythmically and incense was scattered about.

Then the little sampan was placed on a fishing vessel, the Nagashima Maru, which departed from Honolulu harbour for the open sea. About four miles out, where the little sail of the craft could catch the full sweep of the winds, it was launched.

Wreaths of flowers were flung after it and saki was poured upon the little ship as it floated away.

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AMERICAN BASEBALL TEAMS
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From figures issued it may be seen that the major league baseball clubs are taking less players South for the spring training this year than any other previous year. Only a few years ago many a club took a squad of fifty or sixty players, veteran and untried, for the annual tryouts in the South. Now all of them are well under the forty player limit.

Here are the figures on the sixteen teams now training in the South:—
American League: Athletics, 27; Chicago White Sox, 31; Washington, 32; New York Yankees, 34; Boston, and Cleveland 35 each; St. Louis, 36; Detroit, 37.
National League: St. Louis, 28; Brooklyn, 30; Chicago, 31; Philadelphia, 34; New York Giants, 36; Boston, 37; Pittsburgh, 38; Cincinnati, 39.

Two reasons have been advanced for the decreasing number taken south in the past few years. One is the fact that most of the big clubs own small out-of-town teams and can draw new material from them when they need them, thus eliminating the tryouts in the spring as they stand on their showing with the small team. The other reason is the price demanded for new material. Now-a-days if a player shows any promise of making good in the big leagues the team he belongs to demand a higher price for him than they did years ago.

SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM TO
PLAY IN ENGLAND.

All the players selected for the South African cricket team to tour in Great Britain during the coming season have accepted the invitation of the South African Cricket Association and have passed the medical examination.

The team is as follows:—H. G. Deane (Transvaal), captain, H. W. Taylor (Transvaal), C. L. Vincent (Transvaal), J. A. Christie (Transvaal), D. Morkel (Western Province), H. B. Cameron (Transvaal), A. Van der Merwe (Transvaal), N. Quinn (Griqualand West), A. L. Oche (Eastern Province), I. J. Siedle (Natal), E. L. Dalton (Natal), B. Mitchell (Transvaal), H. Owen-Smith (Western Province), Q. Macmillan (Transvaal), R. H. Catterall (Natal), A. J. Bell (Western Province). Reserve: S. Steyn (Western Province).

DEATH OF OLD SURREY AND
ENGLAND CRICKETER.

Maurice Read, the Surrey cricketer, died last month in Winchester Hospital at the age of 70. J. M. Read (Maurice), as he was always called, ranked among the best professionals throughout his career that extended from 1890 to 1895. Born at Thames Ditton on February 9, 1859, he earned his place in the Surrey eleven when first tried, and maintained his form to the end of his career, for, in order to take an appointment on the Tichborne Estate, he retired after a season in which he made 1,031 runs, with an average of 31.8. A rather fast bowler, he often did useful work with the ball before George Lohmann and Jack Beaumont, under John Shuter's captaincy, made Surrey tremendously strong. In the death-field and at third man he was brilliant, having remarkably sure hands in picking up and catching, besides being very quick in getting to the ball.

He first played for England at the Oval in 1882, when Spofforth's bowling won Australia the sensational victory by seven runs. He was still in England's Test side in 1890, when he appeared in the Test matches at the Oval and Lords, the Manchester fixture being abandoned owing to rain without a ball bowled, and he also played at Lord's in 1893.

He took a large share in winning the 1890 match at the Oval when the Surrey authorities could not get together a fairly representative eleven. On a bowler's pitch, Australia were dismissed for 92 and 100, while England, after getting 102, wanted 95 to win. W. G. Grace, Shrewsbury, W. Gunn, and W. V. Read fell for 32 runs before Turner and Ferries, but Maurice Read, who made 34, and James Cranston, the left-handed Gloucestershire amateur, took the score to 83. Yet eight men were out for 93, and the finish was dramatic. After five maiden overs had been sent down Sharpe, the Surrey bowler, cut a ball to Dr. Barrett at cover point, and Gregor McGregor, responding to the call, both batsmen were in the middle of the pitch when the ball was returned so wide that the two required were run from the overthrow.

Maurice Read went to Australia four times—in the winters of 1884, 1886, 1887, and 1891—taking part in eleven Test matches. His last trip was with Lord Sheffield's team. (Continued at foot of next column.)

BRITISH OLYMPIC
ASSOCIATION.

The report of the British Olympic Association for 1928 shows there is available, approximately, a sum of £7,100, of which £7,000 has been invested.

"In order to avoid unnecessary expenditure," says the report, "the offices of the association in Piccadilly have been given up, and the association is now housed in the offices of the National Playing Fields Association. The staff has been dispensed with, and the secretary is to carry on the work, in the meantime, single-handed. It would obviously have been unwise, even impossible, to have closed down altogether, and therefore the Council has decided to carry on with a minimum of expense."

The new Council will decide the future policy, and as to whether some scheme should be inaugurated to increase the finances of the association, and so save an extensive appeal in two years' time.

It is too early to make a definite decision about Los Angeles. The details of the next Olympiad will not be decided before the Congress of Berlin in 1930, and until their the association will carry on its work in the interests of the Olympic movement.

The Council elected for the ninth Olympiad goes out of office at the annual general meeting, and the new Council for the four years of the tenth Olympiad—the members of which have been nominated by the governing bodies—comes into office, and will immediately meet to settle the future policy and appoint the various sub-committees."

According to the accounts, it cost £3,965 to house and feed the athletes at Amsterdam; travelling expenses amounted to £1,373; Assembly expenses, £491; winter sports, £556; and general equipment cost £754.

SWIMMING RECORD.

J. Kojac, the United States swimmer, broke his own world's record of 29secs. for the fifty yards backstroke by recording 27.2secs. in an exhibition in the Ballantine Pool at the Eastern Collegiate rally.

captained by W. G. Grace, whose second tour it was after an interval of 18 years. The Test match at the Oval in 1893 was played for Maurice Read's benefit. England, scoring 483, won by an innings and 43 runs.

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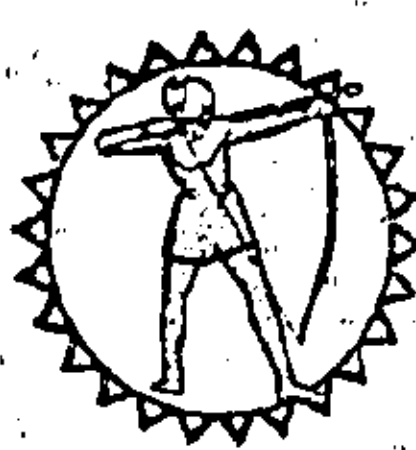
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FISH FOR CHILDREN.

Fish, if fresh and of the right kind, is an excellent food for children. It has great nutritive value, and is less stimulating than meat. Being digested more rapidly, it is necessary to consider this when estimating quantities for a child's dinner. A larger portion should be served than would be given if meat were used. Broths should also be used to supplement a child's dinner when fish is given instead of meat.

The white-fleshed fish are regarded as best for children, and the flesh should be firm and hard. It may be boiled, creamed, baked or broiled, but never fried for children. It should be served plain or with sauce made of cream or milk. The well-beaten yolk of an egg may be added to this sauce after removing from the fire.

To cream fish, it must be flaked, the bones removed very carefully, then boiled gently for twenty minutes, seasoned with salt, and added to the cream sauce. For broiling, turn the flesh side to the fire first, then the skin, taking care not to scorch the latter, which is very quickly done if care is not taken.

TANGERINEADE.

Wash four pounds tangerine oranges, put into a preserving pan and add just sufficient water to float them. Simmer until the oranges feel soft, then drain and cool. Cut in quarters, removing the pulp and breaking it up with a fork or spoon. Pour one pint boiling water over the pulp, cover and soak overnight. Shred the peel finely, add to the pulp and leave covered all night.

Next day rinse out the preserving pan, put in six pounds sugar, the water strained from the pulp and the juice of two lemons and of two sweet oranges. Melt slowly, and when a syrup is formed add the orange pulp and shredded peel. Boil until the marmalade sets when tested.

WOODEN "JEWELS."

Wooden jewellery will, it is said, be worn in the daytime with summer frocks. Ebony, walnut, and also lighter toned wood is to be cut, carved, polished, even painted, and used in combination with gold, silver, and ivory to make necklaces and bracelets.

Inspiration for new jewellery is also to be sought from the silver ornaments of Zanzibar.

PRINTED CREPE.



This dress is intended for plain and printed crepe de chine. The flared skirt is shirred at the upper edge and placed well below the hip, giving a slender line. The belt, made of the same material as the skirt might be omitted for a full figure.

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The ordinary household ammonia is one of the most useful commodities a housewife can have at hand.

When the colours in a carpet look faded, a cloth wrung out in equal parts of ammonia and water and rubbed over the surface will do wonders towards restoring the colours to their natural hue, besides taking away surface dirt which even the vacuum cleaner cannot remove.

The same applies to coats and felt hats, but care should be taken not to make them too wet or they are apt to shrink.

A little ammonia added to water used for cleaning windows will enable them to be cleaned more easily and twice as well.

When soaking table linen and sheets, before wash-day, add a small quantity to the water, and the dirt will come out twice as easily.

Should you find yourself without bath salts, a tablespoonful of ammonia in your bath will answer the purpose quite as well, and make it equally refreshing.

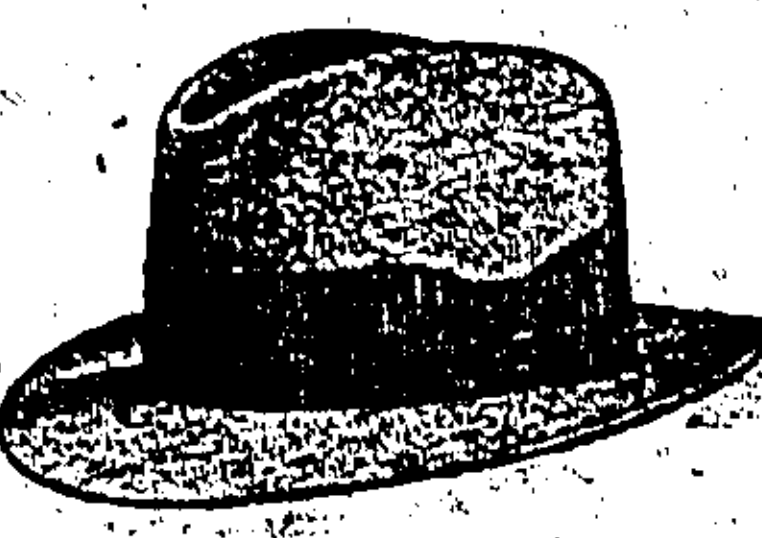
The same solution should be applied in the case of ink or other difficult stains on the finger-nails, which will instantly yield to this treatment.

SPUDS.

I think it is a pity we cannot use a little more imagination in cooking potatoes. They are always with us; it seems we cannot manage without them, so why not try to make them a bit exciting? Here is one way.

Into a saucepan put an ounce of margarine, melt it, and run into it an ounce of flour. Add a little chopped onion, a little chopped parsley, and three-quarters of a pint of milk, salt and pepper to taste. Now cut up cooked potatoes into cubes, and add to the mixture in the pan. Bring to the boil, and simmer for five minutes. Pour into a shallow greased baking dish (a fireproof glass one is best); cover with fine breadcrumbs and dabs of margarine; and bake in a rather hot oven until set and slightly brown.

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AMAH'S PART IN A ROBBERY.

MAN AND WOMAN FOUND GUILTY.

This month's Criminal Sessions concluded before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) yesterday when a Chinese and an amah were convicted of robbery on the third floor of No. 251, Laichikok Road, on February 26th.

The case went before a jury as the first prisoner, the man, made only a partial admission of his guilt, while the woman denied that she had any hand in the robbery.

Relationship Between the Prisoners.

In his outline of the case, Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney General) drew the attention of the jury to the relationship between the two prisoners, so far as the Crown could ascertain the facts. There was evidence that in November last year they lived at No. 88, Nam Cheung Street, giving the principal tenant to understand that they were brother and sister. In January the woman secured work as an amah and was present in the complainant's house on the night of the robbery.

Shortly after midnight, the mistress of the house, who was the only other person there besides the amah, was awakened and in the faint light saw shadows of two persons in the room. A pillow was suddenly pressed against her face, she was tied up, and a ring was taken from her. Later she heard the noise of various things being opened.

When the complainant freed herself, she switched on the light and found the amah lying on a bed with a quilt over her. There was a piece of cloth loosely drawn over her mouth, but her hands and feet were not tied.

Who Opened the Door?

The method of entering the floor, Mr. Fitzroy continued, was by withdrawing the bolts of the door. A small hand inserted through the key-hole from the outside could have drawn back the top and middle bolts, but not the bottom one. The only inference was that the second accused pulled back the bolts to admit the robber or robbers. No jewellery was found on the second accused, but her connection with the first prisoner was well established.

Further there was the fact that the stolen articles, with the exception of a bangle and \$45 in money, were found at the house where the two prisoners lived together, and where the first accused was at the time of the search. The first prisoner had assisted the police by pointing out the places where the articles were hidden, and he also produced pawn tickets for some of them.

Before the Magistrate the first accused had said that he broke open the door and no one assisted him in the robbery. The fact remained that the door was not broken, and it was impossible to open the bolts from the outside.

Conclusion and Sentence.

Evidence was then called and His Lordship directed the jury on the facts, pointing out that it was for them to decide if the second accused was the person who opened the door, or whether her statement that she did not do so and was as much a victim of the robbery was to be believed.

After a few minutes the jury returned an unanimous verdict of guilty against both prisoners. His Lordship, addressing the first accused, said that he agreed with the verdict and that he had taken part in the robbery with another man. The sentence would be five years' hard labour and twelve strokes of the birch. As regards the second accused, His Lordship said that the jury were satisfied that she opened the door to admit the robbers. The sentence in her case would be three years' hard labour.

PURCHASE OF CHILDREN.

PROHIBITIVE MEASURE PROPOSED IN KWANGTUNG.

The Kwangtung Provincial Government, according to the Canton Gazette, is being urged to make the sale of either male or female children a serious offence. The selling of girls as slaves is prohibited by law but the purchase of boys for the purpose of adoption is still permitted. This step is being urged on account of the growing menace from kidnappers, who are now, playing a very profitable business in this part of China. Those urging this reform point out that it will still be possible to adopt a son from within one's clan which is far preferable to buying an outsider, who may be reclaimed by an infuriated parent.

HONOURING PIRACY VICTIMS.

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"Oh Trinity of Love and Power" and the hymn of those who "go down to the sea in ships" burst forth in supplication and paeon.

There were very few among the scant congregation who remained unmoved by this memorial service yesterday morning and an unaccustomed mist caused several horny thumbs to grope fumblingly through the pages of the English Hymnal.

The service was in honour of the late Mr. Robert Black, Chief Engineer of the s.s. Kowchow, who was killed by pirates up the West River on September 1, 1927, and also of Mr. Harry Conway, late Chief Officer of the s.s. San Nam Hoi, who was killed by pirates in the same district on January 17, 1928.

H.E. The Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) was among those present. During the singing of the hymn, led by the deep bass of a grey-haired captain and the pleasing tenor of a young engineer, His Excellency, preceded by the Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy), and accompanied by the Dean, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Capt. F. G. Sillitoe, A.D.C., and Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., walked to the memorial tablet, draped with the Red Ensign and unveiled it. The tablet bears the following inscription:—

"This Tablet is erected by the Government of Hong Kong in memory of Robert Black, Chief Engineer of the British Steamship 'Kowchow' killed by pirates in the Ling Yang Gorge, West River, on September 1, 1927."

A wreath was then laid by His Excellency on the foot of the tablet.

A Tribute of Respect.

"It is doubtful if the congregation—apart from the clergy and His Excellency and staff—numbered a score, yet one felt the suggestion of the presence of an unseen host."

Mr. Black was shot when attempting to save a brother officer from the pirates and Mr. Conway was killed while gallantly defending his ship.

"Let us thank God for the courage and devotion to duty of Robert Black and Harry Conway."

was a prayer that found a deep echo in the hearts of these men who daily face the same peril by water.

After the service a party proceeded to the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley and laid wreaths upon the tombstone erected by the Hong Kong Government to the memory of Mr. Conway.

Among the floral tributes to the memory of Mr. Black were wreaths from Mrs. Black, China Coast Officers' Guild, Marine Engineers' Guild of China, Capt. F. Smith, Mr. W. Lee, Mr. J. McNaught, Mr. W. J. Stokes, Capt. Lawrence and Masters, Officers and Mates of s.s. Taishan, Lungshan, Kinshan, Tung On, Sai On, Wing On, and Kwongtung.

Tributes to the memory of Mr. Conway included wreaths from the China Coast Officers' Guild, Masters, Officers, and Engineers of s.s. Taishan, Lungshan, Kinshan, Tung On, Sai On, Wing On, and Kwongtung; Capt. F. Smith, s.s. Wing Lee, Mr. J. Forsyth, Mr. W. J. Stokes, and Capt. T. L. Laurensen. It was regretted that Mr. W. J. Stokes was unable to be present owing to illness.

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"LAUGH, CLOWN, LAUGH."

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THE CLOWN ON THE SCREEN.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"Laugh, Clown, Laugh," showing at the Queen's until Saturday, is another of a series of films with a clown as hero, and is no more successful than its predecessors. The circus, and more particularly its central figure the Clown, seems doomed to failure as the theme of a screen play. Even Charlie Chaplin's latest picture "The Circus" failed badly when it came to a rehearsal between clowns.

Perhaps the circus itself is out of date—it surely must be in the country which is wrapt in admiration of the saxophone and black bottom, and the attempt to reproduce it there has led to a point of view in the representation which is quite foreign to the true spirit of the circus. The circus as you see it in real life is an unsophisticated entertainment. The jokes are not particularly good, but you do not mind. You go to a circus to enjoy once more the facile laughter of childhood, and when the clowns appear to find amusement without any adult sense of shame, in the humiliating misfortunes of their fellow men. The make up of the clown is only tolerable if you have the carnival spirit, and colour, noise and the smell of the sawdust ring, are a large part of the show.

The sentimental attitude of Sir James Barrie is perhaps largely responsible for films like the one under review, which seek to transfer your interest from the somersaults of the clown to the breaking heart which beats beneath his garish raiment. It can be done on paper but not, I believe, on the screen unless the story is kept right out of the circus tent. Lon Chaney is never for one moment funny as a clown; he is often tragic but not because he has a painted face and ruff. Film directors have yet to learn, apparently, that if they stage an entertainment of any sort, clowning, dancing, or acting it must be as good as the captions tell us it is. If it is to play any real part in the story, the hero must be a clown; then let him be one in actual fact, not an ordinary actor dressed in a clown's clothes, and let us see him at his amusing antics, not behind the scenes tearing his hair and beating his breast. There is no need for the painted face there.

Loretta Young, who is a new-comer to the screen, plays the part of "Simonetto," the orphan child who is adopted by the two clowns, and for love of whom Tino (Chaney) has his "fatal accident" in the finish. She promises to have a very pleasing stage presence and is a mirage of Lon Chaney will enjoy.

SINGAPORE'S SMOKE NUISANCE.

HEALTH OFFICER AND SOME CHIMNEYS.

The nuisance caused in Singapore of smoke fogs a quarter of a mile long was described in a Municipal prosecution.

The case was one in which the owner of a saw-mill at 80, Grove Road, Singapore, was prosecuted for failure to comply with a Municipal notice requiring him to provide smoke-cleansers on his saw-mill chimney.

The magistrate, Mr. W. N. Gourlay, pointed out that there was nothing in the notice to the owner to indicate to him that the person who issued it had authority to do so. Mr. P. Storrs, appearing for the Municipality, said he would furnish evidence of such authority at the next hearing.

Dr. Dawson, Deputy Health Officer, said the chimney emitted black smoke in such quantities as to constitute a nuisance and to be injurious to health. He considered that the existence of that chimney, without an apparatus to cleanse the smoke before it was discharged, constituted a nuisance. The injury to health consisted in the inhalation of unconsumed carbon particles.

Answering Mr. P. H. Battishill, who appeared for the mill-owner, witness said that the mill was about 600 yards from the Geylang junction. There were other mills in the neighbourhood, and, to witness's knowledge, this one had been in existence at least nine years. It was not a residential area in the accepted meaning of the term, but there were dwelling houses in the vicinity.

The breathing of combustible matter in the atmosphere had always been considered a danger; it would be injurious to the lungs. Witness had seen several smoke fogs hanging over the Grove Road area. These had been produced by smoke from saw-mill chimneys.

Mr. Battishill: "Smoke fogs in Singapore!" What was the area of your smoke fog?

Witness said it was about a quarter of a mile long.

Witness added that he had seen one about 250 yards broad, and had seen them frequently over that locality. Witness agreed that there was always a wind blowing in that area, and that the smoke fogs did not "hang about" as they did in the manufacturing towns at home.

After the evidence of a health inspector had been heard, the further hearing was adjourned to March 18.

MURDER AND ROBBERY.

VILLAGER SHOT DEAD NEAR SHEUNG SHUI.

A lonely cottage at Ta Koo Ling, near Sheung Shui, was the scene of a daring robbery early yesterday morning, says the Wah Tat Tat Pao. Three men armed with revolvers broke open the door and aroused the owner, Yi Shing Lun and his wife from their sleep, and shot the husband dead when he offered resistance.

They then ransacked the house, the woman being paralyzed with fright. After the robbers had left with their plunder she reported the affair to the Police, who after examining the cottage, telephoned details to Hong Kong.

Detectives and police were detailed to investigate the matter.

FRAUD ON CANTON COMPANY ALLEGED.

WRONGFUL SALE OF AN ARMED LAUNCH.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, charges of forging a mortgage deed and unlawfully disposing of an armed launch owned by the Po On Company, Canton, were preferred against an employee of the company named Mak Chen Loong. The three charges were:

(a) That on February 9, with intent to defraud, he forged the name of Ng Shing and the name of the Po On Company, of No. 27, Yat Tak Road, Canton, to a deed which purported to be a mortgage of the steam launch San Chin On.

(b) That on January 28 and February 22 last, in Hong Kong Harbour, being a servant of the Company he did steal an arms licence, a launch licence, a Chinese assignment and also Chinese Maritime Customs permits, relating to the armed launch belonging to his employers; and

(c) That on February 9, he did unlawfully obtain the sum of \$3,000 by falsely pretending, with intent to defraud, that he was owner of the steam launch.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. Russ & Co., appeared for the complainants, and Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro for the defendant.

Mr. Sheldon said that since a summons had been issued against defendant for larceny and unlawfully obtaining money there was evidence that he had been guilty of forgery. Counsel asked that a warrant for the accused's arrest should now be granted. The case was adjourned.

BOYCOTTERS AND MERCHANTS.

TEN DAYS' GRACE FOR CANTON MERCHANTS.

"SOCIETY FOR THE SALVATION OF CHINA."

FATE OF DEALERS IN JAPANESE GOODS.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, March 20.

At the urgent request of the Chamber of Commerce the anti-Japanese Boycott Committee has consented to extend the time allowed to merchants for selling off Japanese goods from March 21 to April 1. The original order stated that on Thursday all Japanese goods would be sealed up and their sale prohibited.

The order of the Committee came like a bombshell to business circles. Dealers in Japanese goods declared that it was impossible to sell off the large stocks which they still hold by that time and petitioned the Committee for a postponement. The Committee refused curtly, telling the merchants that they must be sacrificed for the "good of the community."

The services of the Chamber of Commerce were then engaged, and the serious loss to the merchants concerned fully explained.

The Chamber consented to take up the matter with the governing committee and after much negotiation secured an extension till the end of the month. The Committee has divided Japanese goods into two categories, "perishable" and "imperishable." The former will be taken to the markets and sold off by the Committee, the proceeds being given to the owners, but the Committee has power to fix prices. The imperishable goods will be sealed up till the boycott is over. This applies only to Japanese goods which have been declared and registered. The others are seized and their owners heavily punished.

The Boycott Committee is being reorganized and is taking to itself a new name. It is now "The Kwangtung Branch of the Society for the Salvation of China." Perhaps they intend to assume still wider powers and privileges than they now enjoy. They have put up secret information boxes into which anyone can drop a chit containing information against any individual of the kind that will help to make the work of "the Society for the Salvation of China" more effective. Meanwhile pickets are as active as ever, watching all "strategic points" in the city. Two coolies were caught on Tuesday carrying Japanese goods. The merchandise in question was duly confiscated by the Society and the offenders tied together and paraded through the streets as a stern warning to other violators of the Society's rules and regulations.

CANTON'S FOREIGN COMMISSIONER.

OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF SINO-JAPANESE SITUATION.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, March 20.

Mr. Leung Chik Wai, acting Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Kwangtung, returned to-day from Hong Kong where he had visited General Chen Ming Shu. Interviewed by the writer, Mr. Leung expressed his great relief at finding the General making good progress and hoping to be back at work in about three weeks. General Chen would probably not go to Nanking for the Kuomintang Conference.

Asked about the course of the Sino-Japanese negotiations, Mr. Leung said that informal discussions were now going on between Japanese representatives and the Nanking Foreign Office.

Personally he felt very optimistic, and was sure that Japan, like other nations, would recognize Chinese National aspirations and come to terms with the Nanking Government.

Dr. Chao Hsin Chu's Plans.

In reply to a question about Dr. Chao Hsin Chu the acting Commissioner said he expected his chief back early in April. The question of Dr. Chao taking the post of Chinese ambassador to Tokyo had not been decided, and much would depend on the course of the present negotiations.

TRAGIC LEAPS FROM BLAZING HOTEL.

EVIDENCE OF POLICE OFFICERS AT RESUMED INQUIRY.

CORONER APPEALS FOR EYE-WITNESSES TO COME FORWARD.

BARKEEPER WHO WAS AWAKENED BY A "PERCUSSION."

MR. WITCHELL'S STORY OF HIS ESCAPE.

"Will all eye-witnesses of events connected with the King Edward Hotel fire and who saw people jump from the upper floors on the south-western side of the building kindly communicate with Inspector Lane at Central Police Station."

This appeal was made by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the Senior Magistrate, who sat as Coroner, with a jury consisting of Mr. N. S. Brown (foreman), Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, and Mr. C. Little, at the resumed inquiry held yesterday afternoon in the Central Magistracy, into the King Edward Hotel fire in which eleven persons lost their lives.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, junior, held a watching brief for the proprietors, Mr. Hin Shing Lo represented Mr. Wittchell (the licensee) and Mr. H. C. Lee appeared on behalf of the China Land Investment Company.

Wu Yui, barkeeper at the hotel, said that on the night of the fire he was sleeping in a small room behind the bar. The staircase was between the small room and the bar. He was awakened by the sound of a percussion. He saw flames shooting outside a glass skylight. He rushed out on to the stone stairs at the back and ran down into the basement. He found the door open.

The Coroner pointed out that the basement door was open but the ground floor door was locked. Continuing, witness said he shouted "Fire" when he reached the street. He could not say at what time he left the building.

The Glass Reflected.

Yeung Wun, the electrician of the hotel, said he slept in the servants' quarters in the basement. He was awakened by someone running down the stairs shouting "Fire." Four men ran into his quarters and he asked them if they had the key of the basement door. The key was usually kept by the watchman who slept on the mezzanine floor. Witnesses ran out through the door of the electrical store and saw the reflection of the glare in the street outside. He got hold of a hammer and knocked the glass and padlock off the door. He did not notice the time. The watchman usually went to bed at 11 p.m. Up to that time the basement door was open. The watchman usually sat near the door on guard. When the watchman locked the door anybody seeking to get into the hotel had to go to the front door.

He knew of the door on the ground floor which was opened for coolies to come and go. Otherwise, it was always kept locked. The key was solely in the charge of the watchmen of whom there were two, viz., one for day and the other for night duty.

Coroner: It seems to me that both doors were locked day and night.

The First Alarm?

Witness went on to say that the key of the basement door was also in the charge of the watchman. The watchmen were changed on alternate days.

An Indian constable said that at about ten minutes to three he was standing at the corner of Ice House Street and Des Vaux Road for a short time. He noticed a blaze of fire and could see flames through a window of the first floor of the hotel. He blew his whistle, but he had heard no alarm before that. He did not notice anybody trying to enter the King Edward Hotel by the front door. An Indian watchman from an opposite building also blew his whistle. No Chinese gentleman spoke to him while he was blowing his whistle. Witness ran to a fire point and gave the alarm.

In reply to the Coroner, Mr. T. H. King (Captain Superintendent of Police) said that this witness was the first to give the alarm, at six minutes past three.

Staircase Alight.

Witness went on to say that he saw the firemen using a sheet. Six Chinese jumped for the sheet but two fell wide of it.

Sergt. F. W. Allen, who gave evidence at the first sitting of the inquiry as to the finding of Mr. Wood's body, said he got to the hotel about four minutes past three, just before the arrival of the fire brigade. Both front doors were wide open. He ran through them and saw the staircase was completely alight.

He looked round for a hose and hydrant. On the left of the staircase there appeared to be some baggage or straw which was nearly burnt out. He got as far as the left entrance but could get no farther. He could see no fire appliances but he was not familiar with the building. He went out of the front entrance and met Sub-Inspector Dick outside.

The fire brigade had arrived. Witness went round by the Savoy Hotel into an alleyway where a Chinese, who was wearing glasses, said he had broken the basement door open.

How the Sheet was Held.

Witness ran up the stone staircase and reached the second floor but was driven back by dense smoke. He saw nobody so he went again into Ice House Street and assisted with the jumping sheet.

A lady, who appeared to be a Japanese, jumped into the sheet and was killed. A Chinese (a man) also appeared to be killed in the same way. About 14 people were helping with the sheet. Most of them were on the side away from the building. Only witness and one other was on the side nearest the building. As the people struck the sheet, that side "gave" and they struck the ground. The sheets were not torn.

Witness afterwards assisted the firemen on the roof.

Mr. King: Who were the people on the sheet?

Witness: About five Europeans and the rest were Chinese and Indians.

Could you see from which floor they jumped?

Witness: No.

Were any firemen holding the sheet?

Witness: No.

Had you ever held a jumping sheet before?

Witness: No.

Coroner: How long intervals between the jumps?

Witness: Good intervals. I left the sheet and removed the Japanese woman and was able to get back to the sheet for the next one who jumped.

Sub-Inspector Dick (recalled) said he was on the scene just before the fire brigade arrived. The fire appeared to be underneath the stairs and was ascending the stairs and was ascending the stairs and was ascending the stairs.

Water Pressure.

Witness ran a length of hose from a fire appliance into the lounge. He took the nozzle two minutes after the arrival of the first fire engine. It was, as far as he knew, a one-inch nozzle.

There was sufficient pressure to swing him right round and he could not control the hose for a time. There was ample pressure.

Coroner: In view of the rumours about lack of pressure I hope the newspapers will give as much prominence as possible to these statements.

Witness said he held a sheet for two American sailors. There were seven or eight Chinese, two Indian constables, and four Europeans on the sheet. The two Americans jumped from the fourth floor.

Tragic Leaps Into Space.

The first sailor dropped into the sheet not quite in the middle. The sheet went down on the far side. Witness did not think the man was alive when he was picked out of the sheet. Witness believed the man to have been Kish.

Mr. King: Did the man fall feet foremost?

Witness: Feet slightly forward and head slightly backward.

Mr. King: What happened to you?

Witness: We were pulled in. Witness had held a sheet at practices when he was in a fire brigade.

The second man stood on a ledge and threw off his cap. He followed it in much the same way as his colleague. He appeared to fall into the centre of the sheet. The sheet "pulled in" as before, and he was picked up by a police sergeant and taken to the ambulance.

Coroner: Is he still alive?

Mr. King: Still alive but seriously injured.

To witness: Was the sheet torn in any way?

Witness: No.

Chinese Who Ran Away.

Sergt. Waglan said he arrived at twenty minutes past three. Before the two Americans jumped a fire escape was below them. It was moved out of their way. Witness assisted to hold the jumping sheet for them. There was much confusion at the time. The first American, who was in a sitting posture, struck the far side. A Chinese released his hold on the sheet and ran away. The sailor struck the sheet near where the Chinese had been holding.

The second sailor landed in the centre of the sheet. There were more people on the sheet than witness heard the man groan so

concluded he was alive. The body of a lady was lying in the road. She was wearing a nightdress and a black wrap. He could not say how she fell.

Witness said that on the evening of Tuesday he saw a very much burnt body removed to the mortuary and that was identified as Mr. Enos Seth. The body was found on the top storey a few feet from the main staircase.

Escape Through Window.

Sergt. McLeod said he arrived with Sub-Inspector Dick. He ran to the side entrance where he met several Chinese boys running down into the basement. He helped them with blankets and buckets. He attempted to go up the stairs but the flames and smoke proved too much for him.

Witness saw Mr. Wittchell and a woman come down the stairs but the ground floor door was locked. They asked for the key but witness told them to go through the basement and directed their exit through a window.

Witness then assisted with a sheet at the corner of Alexandra Lane and Des Vaux Road. He did not see Mrs. Robson jump. A Chinese boy belonging to the hotel jumped from the second floor. He dropped into the sheet but a number of Chinese who were holding the sheet let go. Several Chinese firemen were on the sheet. The boy fell on his left shoulder but was alive when pulled out.

Death of Another Victim.

Coroner: Evidence seems to show that every sheet was let go. I think this boy is To Chat. He died yesterday. He was in a very poor state of health before the fire.

Witness said the next person to jump was a Frenchman who fell face downward and struck his chin on the ground. He was not killed at the time although he died later in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. Witness lifted the Frenchman, a Chinese, and an Englishman who was lying ten yards away on his back on the footpath. He had probably been moved.

Coroner: That must have been Mr. Robson. It is an extraordinary thing that we can find nobody who can come forward to say whom they assisted or moved.

Witness said that Mr. Robson was alive but would not lie on his back on the stretcher and turned on to his right side. He was in pyjamas.

An Appeal to the Public.

Mr. King: We can do with any information concerning every phase of the fire which people can offer. It would help us to clear up many mysteries. Plenty of statements have been made as to Mrs. Robson having struck a wire in falling yet I can find nobody who actually saw her fall.

Coroner: Will the Press kindly inform the public that I should be glad if all persons who witnessed the fire, and who can throw any definite light upon events connected with the tragedy, will communicate with Inspector Lane at Central Police Station.

Continuing, witness said that Mr. Robson was removed to hospital in the ambulance. No sheets were damaged. Witness went to a hydrant where he helped connect the main hose to an engine.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said that all the persons who jumped fell very close to the hotel wall. They did not jump out far enough.

Night Watchman's Story.

Chow Cheung, watchman of King Edward Hotel, said he had been employed there for about 18 months. There were no doors at the bottom of the fire escape, but there was a door to the basement at the head of some steps leading from the basement to the lane.

Witness had to lock the door and put the key in a drawer in the compradore's room at 11 o'clock each evening. Witness slept on the second floor near the store stairs. The compradore's room was in the basement and the key of the door was in the basement.

Mr. King: Apart from the key, the police have not been able to find the compradore's room. It seems a bit of a mystery.

(Continued on next column.)

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER'S VISIT.

FINANCE COMMITTEE ASK FOR \$15,000.

Supplementary expenditure to a total of \$48,100 will be submitted to to-day's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

A sum of \$15,000 is asked under the heading of Miscellaneous Services:—Expenses in connection with the forthcoming visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to Hong Kong.

Other items include \$25,000 for forming two Hong Kong Forestry tracks into bridle paths—they are on the south side of the Island between Wong Nei Chong and Wanchai Gaps and on the north side, between Wong Nei Chong Gap and Taikeo Sanitarium. \$448. for fitting an extra 3-pounder gun to one of the police launches. (This is work delayed from last year). \$1,500 in connection with the burial expenses of persons who have died of small-pox.

Continuing, witness said he could show the police where the room was. There was also a steel grille. The key for the grille was with the key of the other door. The man who relieved witness would know where the key was kept. He could not say how many other people knew where the key was kept. The grille leading from the fire escape was only opened to admit scavengers and coolies, who took large cases that way.

Mr. King: It gave me the impression it was seldom opened.

Witness said it was opened every evening for scavenger coolies.

Mr. Wittchell's Evidence.

Mr. Jas. Henry Wittchell, the manager of the King Edward Hotel, said that shortly after midnight on the Sunday evening he cleared the bar and lounge and saw them closed. It was just about one o'clock when he finished and Mr. Woods left the lounge at that time and bade witness good night. Mr. Woods was suffering from asthma.

Witness went back to the lounge and spoke to five people who were leaving. Witness went to his room at about 1.15. He turned into bed but was reading until 1.45. Before midnight there had been an argument in the lounge and he had put the disputants out. The police had not been summoned.

Witness dozed off to sleep and was awakened at about 2.45 or 3 o'clock by whistles being blown in the street. He opened the window and saw a lot of policemen running. He thought they were chasing a thief so he just went back to bed again. Whistles were still being blown.

Giving the Alarm.

Three or four minutes later he smelt smoke, jumped out of bed, and opened the door leading to the passage which was full of smoke. He rushed to the staircase and ran down toward the fire. The fire appliances were on the left hand side of the stairs.

Witness reached the third floor and saw the second floor staircase blazing. It fell inward from the wall and witness, finding he could do nothing on that floor, rushed back to save the people on the top floor.

The first room he knocked at was Mr. and Mrs. Robson's. Smoke was very thick and he could hardly see. He burst the door in and shouted "Run!" and did the same to Mr. Seth's room.

He then ran along to Mr. Woods' room and shook him in his bed. Smoke billowed into the room behind him. Witness woke him up and said "Get up and run for your life!" He replied, "All right, all right!"

Collapse of Stairs.

Witness ran to his room and woke his children (three boys and a girl) and a nurse. He had to throw them out of the room. Two of them ran down the stairs and witness had to run after them. Mr. Woodenberg (another resident) stopped them. Witness could only see a foot in front of him. He pushed them up to the fifth landing and to the left of the door. Witness remembered pushing Mr. Woodenberg through and just managed to get on to the landing when the stairs collapsed. That meant that the Robsons, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Seth were left behind, although they had had ample time to escape.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said that had there been bridges to Alexandra Building on all floors they could have escaped.

Continuing, witness said that his children and the nurse found their way down to the basement but the door was locked. He did not know where the key was kept.

At this stage, the proceedings were adjourned until 2.15 p.m. to-day.

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R. LANSLEY,
Hon. Secretary.
[7549]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 25th DAY of MARCH, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Sham-shuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of the Lands, for a term of 24 years less three days.

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Hong Kong, 1st Mar., 1929. [7469]

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
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Hong Kong, 18th Mar., 1929. [7551]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.55 p.m., stated:—

The depression to the N.E. of Japan is moving into the Pacific. The anticyclone has weakened further and remains central near Shanghai. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

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CHINA'S NATIVE CRITICS.

There is no lack of foreign criticism of things Chinese. Some of it is friendly, constructive; much of it is hostile, destructive—inspired by fear, jealousy, or some similar sentiment. There is much in and about China to criticize, and it is all to the good that helpful comment is made upon the many faults which are only too painfully obvious to the onlooker. It is still better when Chinese themselves apply their critical faculties to their own affairs. Foreign observers, however well informed and closely in touch with Chinese opinion, are at a disadvantage when indulging in criticism inasmuch as it is utterly impossible for a Westerner to look at things precisely from the Chinese standpoint. There is such a wide difference between the psychology of East and West that no Occidental can appreciate fully the Oriental outlook. He may, if by nature so inclined, sympathize with it, but to understand and agree with the methods of reason—or unreason—accepted as conclusive by the Oriental mind is more than is to be expected from a Western observer. He will, however, be greatly interested to learn how far outspoken Chinese critics agree with him in their views of current events. An interesting case in point is to be found in contemporary comment in the Press.

A brand-new note in Chinese journalism—that of fearless but constructive criticism of the powers that be—has been struck by the group of young liberal Chinese in Peking who are editing the weekly magazine *China Tomorrow*, published in the English language. There has been no freedom of the Press in modern China—editors who dared to express their honest opinions have often been beleaguered by the all-powerful War Lords. But the editors of this new venture apparently feel that the Nationalist Government is different. At least, they have taken the risk by writing articles of fiery denunciation of some Government actions.

Probably the most significant editorial to date is one headed "Have we betrayed Sun Yat Sen?" in which the elaborate preparations being made for Dr. Sun's funeral while thousands of Chinese are starving are severely criticized. "As one watches the trend of events in China to-day," the editor writes, "he is conscious of certain most striking inconsistencies in the management of the economic affairs of the Government. Dr. SUN YAT SEN was a man of the utmost simplicity of life; he gave himself and all he possessed to the cause of the betterment of the Chinese people. What would be his scorn of our pitiful lack of grasp of the best elements of his ideals, when we spend \$27,000 to purchase an elaborate brass coffin for his remains? What would be his scorn of our Government plans to spend \$180,000 in repairing the road along which his funeral cortege is to march? What would be this humble man's disgust at having his pallbearers dressed in elaborately expensive embroideries while they shout 'The spirit of our President cannot die?' If his great spirit could view such wilful waste in a famine year, when over two million people of the land are starving, surely he would feel that as far as his followers having attained any grasp on the realities of his ideals, he might never have lived."

The editor goes on to criticize the military budget, which will take almost 50 per cent. of the Government's revenues even if the Government's proposals are fully carried out. Why should China spend more for soldiers than England, France, Russia, Italy, the United States, or Japan? The editor asks. "China has no great area which is particularly susceptible to attack from without, nor is her population of the calibre that presents the problem of constant uprisings within, except where military leaders find the situation of being in command of equipped armies too tempting to resist their thirst for power. Even at present, when she is spending more than 54 per cent. of the national revenue for military upkeep, China is no match for any of the Powers because of her economic backwardness. Since this is the case, surely China may quickly be ready to take her place among the Powers if she spends her revenue in constructive fields for better living, rather than sinking half of it in improving her skill in killing, at the expense of the vital reconstruction visioned by SUN YAT SEN."

These are bold words, coming from a Chinese critic. The sentiments have been expressed time and again by foreign observers, but there are few Chinese courageous enough to express their views so bluntly. True, this criticism comes from a group of young men of liberal views, not from a grey-headed and revered statesman or acknowledged leader of men. Nevertheless, it is a significant sign of the times that such outspoken views are given publicity, and apparently with confidence that the swift retribution which will follow such free criticism will not overtake the young men responsible for publishing them. It is also significant that Chinese women are being encouraged to take an intelligent interest in their country's affairs, and there is little doubt they in due time will produce some keen critics of acts of commission and omission for which the Government has been responsible. "Chinese women care more for face powder, perfume, and jewellery than they do for the welfare of their country," Marshal FENG YU HSIAO, the militant Nationalist War Lord, declared at the opening of the new Institute for Women at Kaifeng, the capital of Honan province, which Marshal FENG controls.

"Although I regret the need of pointing out the weakness of our women," said Marshal FENG, "yet their desire to learn inspires my confidence. In fact, I am looking forward to the day when ladies will surpass the achievements of our Western sisters." Marshal FENG expressed a high opinion of women in the West, as contrasted with Chinese women. Speaking of Chinese women, he said:—"In order to beautify their ears, they do not even stop at piercing a hole through them just for the purpose of hanging ear-rings." The Marshal apparently does not know that many Western women do the same thing! He then alluded to some great women in the West, naming among others Madame CURIE, the discoverer of radium, and Madame KOLONTAI, the Soviet Ambassador to Mexico. "When we compare such women as we have in China to the great women of Europe and America, I do not wonder that our women fail to get equal treatment with men," he asserted.

The Kaifeng Institute for Women has been founded under Marshal FENG's patronage to educate Chinese women in the principles of government and social welfare, so that they may take their part in the present social revolution. It is very necessary that women should be encouraged to take an intelligent interest in practical politics. Had women been allowed a voice in national affairs in Europe when they first began to demand political rights, it is probable that the world to-day would be a much better place to live in than it is. Marshal FENG is right in his criticism of his countrywomen, who have been definitely and deliberately denied the privilege of taking part in the conduct of public affairs in their place in the body politic, and the same change will come about in China—in spite of the wearing of earrings and a passion for face-powder.

Lance-Sergeant Reginald E. Daw, of the Royal Army Pay Corps, was reported "missing" during the week. He was last seen in Queen's Road East on Monday evening. From a description of the missing man furnished to the police, they were able to trace him, and yesterday he was handed over to the Army authorities.

The entire cast of a play entitled "My Girl Friday" were arrested during a performance in New York on a charge of disorderly conduct. The authorities objected to a bathing scene with some girls in bathing suits and others removing their shoes and stockings. The police say, however, that at the initial performance one actress took off many more garments, with the result that the mail brought the police an avalanche of protests.

The Lincoln Handicap. The first big race of the year in England is the Lincolnshire Handicap, over a straight mile stretch. The field this year consisted mostly of backward horses, with a sprinkling of those who have been hurled during the winter months. The race is worth approximately £2,000 to the winner, the entrance fee being £50. Many wagers on this event were coupled with horses in the Grand National on Friday. Amongst the original 77 entries figured the American horse Reigh Count, who was allotted top weight, 133 pounds, along with Sol Joel's Fohannaum. As the American horse's chief objective is the Ascot Gold Cup in June, little surprise was caused by his non-acceptance at the Lincolnshire first forfeit stage. Another interesting entrant was the American-bred Mexican, exported by John Sanford last year. He made a winning debut over 12 furlongs at Brighton, but afterwards failed to live up to that standard. Last year the Lincoln was won by Sol Joel's Dark Warrior from 25 others. Joel's brother, Jack, won the race the previous year with Priory Park. Frequently the race has proved disastrous to the majority of bettors. In 1899, however, a "coincidence" double materialized which gave the bookmakers a rare shaking. That year General Peace won the Lincoln while Manifesto won the Grand National. The previous year a manifesto had been issued on behalf of the Tsar of Russia proposing a conference of the Powers for the preservation of general peace by disarmament, and as this was fresh in the public mind, General Peace and Manifesto were the most popular choice amongst those influenced by coincidence. This year the most popular doubles in the early wagering were the following candidates—Sol Joel's Fohannaum; Lord Glanely's Capture Him; Lord Michaelham's Song; and H. Stobart's Umslopagaas—all being coupled with one or another of the most likely Grand National winners, viz., W. B. Duckworth's Great Span; The American, Howard Bruce's Billy Barton; W. Parsonage's Master Billie; J. H. Whitney's Maguelonne; and C. R. Taylor's Grakle.

The Lincoln Handicap.

Lancashire's Eastern Markets. Mr. John Ryan, a director of the newly-formed Lancashire Cotton Corporation is optimistic—and rightly so—regarding the prospect of recovering lost ground in the Far East. Fifteen mills have received firm offers for their plants, and valuations of 92 other mills are being made, preparatory to offers being submitted. This gives a total of 107 mills as possible members of the Corporation. Mr. Ryan speaks of mass production on the Japanese method as the only way to recover Lancashire's lost trade in Far Eastern markets, but it is precisely on this point where the trouble begins. Mr. Fred Holroyd's presidential address at the recent annual meeting of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations in Manchester was remarkable for its plain speaking on the weakness of the support which at times the rank and file of the spinning trade have given to their leaders. There have been many occasions when it had seemed that the officials of the Federation have been poorly supported by the members, and instances of indifference on important questions have been fairly numerous. Probably the indifference is harder to excuse than the disloyalty, for, though a certain amount of indifference is to be expected on some of the routine matters which form part of the work of an employers' organization, there have been many occasions—notably last year, when a ballot was held on the question of a general lock-out in the spinning trade—when even a vital question has failed to rouse some of the members to the exercise of their votes. Disloyalty to a recommendation to curtail production or to observe minimum prices is on a somewhat different footing, for while some spinners may deliberately have profited by the restrictions which others were accepting there must have been many who felt that such restrictions could not benefit the trade in the long run, and that they should not be expected to follow the majority in a suicidal policy. Such differences of opinion are inherent in an organic organization such as the Federation, which can exercise no compulsion over its members.

The East-Toroth Election.

There is no change as a result of the bye-election in this Liverpool division, the Conservatives easily retaining the seat. Only about two-thirds of the electorate troubled to record a vote. The most interesting features of the contest are the small poll by the successful candidate, and the substantial increase of the Liberal vote. At the previous election the Conservatives polled 18,000 votes; this time they mustered only 9,600—indicating marked lack of interest in a contest fought on the eve of the General Election. The Labour candidate secured about the same amount of support as at the previous election, but the Liberal increased his poll by nearly 50 per cent., from four to six thousand. As the earlier contest was also a three-cornered one, the result indicates an interesting revival of Liberalism in Liverpool.

The Boat Race.

It is appropriate that the centenary of the Oxford and Cambridge contest on the Thames promises to be a particularly close event. Reuter tells us that never have the crews been more closely matched, and although the Light Blues are the popular favourites, experts who do not allow sentiment to affect their judgment are undecided as to which is the better crew. Oxford's stroke seems to be considered superior to his rival, and if he rows faster than all the others, the public fancy will be certainly justified by events. We hope, however, that Mr. Graham Onda's hero. This year the Oxford boat contains three representatives from overseas. One, H. C. Morphet, the bow, is an Australian. Another, J. A. Ingles, is from Tasmania. The third is Baron Carl Juel-Brockdorff, a Dane. He is an immensely wealthy young man, and has been at Oxford for four years. He speaks fluent English, and is a fine horseman, spending much of his spare time in the hunting field. Cambridge, on the other hand, who have won for the last five years, have this year an all-British crew. An unusual presence in it is that of an Old Harrovian, but there are four Old Etonians. Eton, indeed, with six representatives in the two boats, is the only school with more than one old boy rowing this year. Cambridge leave nothing to chance. They have no fewer than three coaches. Mr. Dudley Ward supervised the first part of their practice at Cambridge, then Mr. Crisp-Thomas took command for a few weeks, while Mr. F. Escombe gave them the final polish at Putney.

Armstrong's Reconstruction.

The Courts have now given formal approval to the drastic scheme for re-organising the affairs of Armstrong Whitworths, as approved last month at eight meetings of shareholders and debenture holders. An overwhelming majority of votes was then cast in favour of the projected reconstruction. Mr. Frater Taylor, the vice chairman of the Company, was emphatic that it was the only way in which the position of the Company could be made economically and commercially ready to face the future. So far as the position of shareholders is concerned, Mr. Taylor pointed out that if the scheme had proceeded according to strict legal rights the whole of the share capital of £10,012,500 would have been wiped out. Actually the scheme retained an interest in the equity for the shareholders. Certain preference shareholders had said in effect, "Why should not those shares that are junior to our shares be obliterated, and why should we not get more of the equity?" The answer he gave—an irrefutable one—was that the assent of all parties to the scheme was necessary, and if the senior security-holders were being asked to make substantial concessions, it was not unreasonable that preference shareholders should be required to follow suit. Referring to the suggestion that the Company's business in accepting ordinary shares was not, after all, faring so badly, Mr. Taylor reminded shareholders that as a condition precedent to the creation and issue of those ordinary shares a substantial part of the Company's present assets must be handed over by the Company for good, and all to interests representing debenture stockholders and note-holders in settlement of the Company's debts.

On the point of prospects, Mr. Taylor, though lamenting the fact that the industries of a similar character still seem to prefer "a policy of attrition," was "cautiously optimistic." True, "the payment of dividends on the ordinary shares is by no means an immediate probability," but the Company is to have its great name re-established upon a healthy basis, and be financially and commercially equipped to meet all demands of trade offering for its particular commodities in any part of the world. There was not at present that abundance of trade which would make competition between manufacturers less keen, but the farther they got away from the disasters and trials of the War and post-War period, the more Mr. Taylor was convinced that trade would revive and that the fittest in industry would survive.

News and Views.

Three Chinese cases of small-pox, two from Victoria and one from Kowloon were reported on Tuesday.

The Arafura, bound from Japan and China ports to Melbourne with a heavy passenger list, broke her propeller shaft in bad weather between Rockhampton and Brisbane on February 23.

The transport Somersetshire arrived in Hong Kong yesterday and made fast at Holt's wharf. She will take the Queen's Royal Regiment to Malta, sailing early on Friday morning for Singapore.

The directors of the Tung Wah Hospital are giving a dinner on Friday at the Kam Ling Restaurant in honour of Mr. Li Yau Chuen, who received the honour of C.B.E. in the New Year Honours List.

Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary! After six attempts to persuade "Mary" the huge 92-ton mother elephant of Harrold's Circus to go aboard the steamer to join her "children" now performing in Macao, the Circus proprietor has given it up as a bad job and arrangements have been made to lodge "Mary" at the Jockey Club stables, Causeway Bay. During the past few days, "Mary" has attracted great interest among Chinese boat-people on the waterfront who have fed her continuously with sticks of sugar cane, bananas, etc.

SERIOUS SITUATION IN HUNAN.

TROOPS MASSING ON BORDER: REPORTED CLASH.

HANKOW PRESS GANGS ACTIVE.

MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN "SHADOWED."

The Hunan trouble, which was thought to have been satisfactorily settled, has broken out again, and the present situation is highly critical.

An unconfirmed report states that General Yeh Chi's troops have already clashed with the forces of Lu Ti Ping, whilst General Feng Yu Hsiang is reported to be massing his forces in Hunan. Meanwhile, Central Government troops are being rushed to reinforce the line on the Kiangsi border.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, it is said, has received significant visits from former Hunanese commanders. He is keeping Marshal Li Tsai Hsin under close observation, and has endeavoured to bring about the capture of General Pei Chung Hsi, of the Kwangsi clique.

The authorities in Hankow are greatly agitated, and military press gangs are again active.

Troops Rushed to Border.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Peking, March 20.

Reliable foreign reports from Hankow state that Feng Yu Hsiang is massing troops at Hanchow, in Hunan. Peking-Hankow trains are being northward only as far as Yen-cheng.

Owing to the uncertainty of the military situation in the Yangtze Valley the Wuhan authorities are nervous and the press gangs are most active.

At 11 p.m. on Monday the last detachments of the 11th Division of Nanking troops entrained for Nanchang. The entire 4th and 11th Divisions are now in Kiangsi, marching westward to reinforce the line along the entire westward border of Kiangsi.

Significant Visitors.

SHANGHAI, March 20.

The North China Daily News declares that political circles believe that Mr. Liu Wen Tao's recent motion was practically an order from Congress to Marshal Chiang Kai Shek to declare war against the Wuhan generals, Yeh Chi and Hu Tansu. In Hunan in the event of their not obeying his orders.

It adds that it is noteworthy that Tang Seng Chi and Yeh Kai Hsin, both ex-Hunanese commanders, visited Nanking this week at Chiang Kai Shek's invitation.

Tang Seng Chi is leaving for Hong Kong on the President Jackson.

Hankow's "Precautions"

HANKOW, Later.

Tension here is being revived, with military leaders continually in conference, and the arsenal making munitions.

However, it is claimed that all this is precautionary, as the possibility of an outbreak depends on Nanking's attitude after the congress.

Fourth Group's Influence Wanes.

Peking, March 20.

Reliable news of the overturning of Pei Chung Hsi's party at Tangshan and Kaiping, completes an extraordinary elimination of Pei Chung Hsi's and the Fourth Group's influence in North China.

It is learned that Tang Seng Chi left Peking on the 17th inst. for Tangshan, where two of the Fourth Group divisions, which belonged to Tang before they were taken over by Pei Chung Hsi, quietly renewed their allegiance to Tang Seng Chi.

Trains between Kaiping and Tientsin are now plastered with slogans "Welcome Tang Seng Chi," "Support Chiang Kai Shek," "Down with Pei Chung Hsi."

Meantime it is learned from Chiang Kai Shek's representatives here that Wei Yi San has quietly assumed command of two divisions of Pei Tsung Hsi's troops near Peking and the Summer Palace.

CO-EDUCATION URGED.

CONGRESS DELIBERATES.

LIFE EXPULSIONS FROM THE PARTY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 20. The Third Kuomintang Congress resumed today at 9.30. Chu Chia Hua, Civil Governor of Chekiang, was Chairman and 234 delegates were present.

The proposal of the Central Executive Council that the National Government's educational policy should be based on the Sun Min principles was introduced, and referred to a committee, after Miss Lui Yung Chang (Shantung) had made a brilliant speech in favour of women's rights, declaring that all Government schools should be co-educational.

The delegates' emotions were aroused to the highest pitch when a motion was introduced asking for punishment of Wang Ching Wei, Chen Kung Po, Kan Nai Kuang, and Koo Meng Yu. Chiang Kai Shek and Hu Han Min urged leniency to Wang Ching Wei.

The Congress decided that Wang Ching Wei should be severely reprimanded, Koo Meng Yu expelled from the Party for three years, and Chen Kung Po and Kan Nai Kuang expelled for life.

SHANGHAI ELECTRIC PLANT.

51,000,000 TAELS BID.

SEVERAL COMPETITORS IN THE FIELD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 20. The highest offer for the Shanghai Municipal Electricity Department, in the world in size and output, was submitted by the American and Foreign Power Company, Incorporated, which bid over 51,000,000 taels "under the terms and conditions of the memorandum of the franchise."

The British Trusts Association, Limited, offered 51,000,000 taels and also submitted a leasing plan; whilst Lord Merton's group submitted a leasing plan.

Semi-owned by the Shanghai Municipal Council the Department supplies light and power not only to the International Settlement but also to many undertakings outside the Settlement, among which are cotton mills and silk factories that have made Shanghai the greatest industrial centre in China.

The Council is expected to decide regarding the bids late in April. (Continued at foot of next column.)

NOBILE'S RESCUER SPEAKS.

GENERAL BLAMELESS.

SWEDISH FLYER TAKES FULL RESPONSIBILITY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 20. The Swedish aviator Lundborg, who rescued Nobile in his aeroplane after the Italia disaster, has arrived here.

In an interview he said he took full responsibility for the action which has led to Nobile's disgrace. He declared that he insisted upon Nobile allowing himself to be rescued first; despite the latter's desire to the contrary.

It will be recalled that General Nobile resigned his post in the Italian Air Ministry and also his rank, in order to vindicate himself. This he did in spite of the findings of a Committee of Enquiry, whose conclusions, condemning his actions, and holding him responsible for the disaster, he declined to accept.

PRESIDENT HOOVER AND PROHIBITION.

DRASTIC MEASURES NOT CONTEMPLATED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 20. President Hoover stated today that he had no intention of any drastic prohibition "drive," as a means of bringing about the enforcement of the law.

Contrary to Press reports no orders have been given for any spectacular raids. It was his wish, he said, that the enforcement machinery should be applied along consistent and orderly lines.

BIG AMERICAN BANK AMALGAMATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 20. The Hanover National Bank and the Central Union Trust Company have amalgamated to form a new concern, which will have resources of over \$670,000,000.

SINGAPORE BASE ATTACKED.

LABOUR'S HARDY ANNUAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 19. The Labour members renewed their periodical attack on the Singapore Base, in the House of Commons, on the motion for the reduction of the Navy Vote when, in addition to asserting that the base aroused suspicions of other bases, notably the Japanese, the Labour spokesman asserted that the Admiralty had reduced wages in consequence of complaints from local planters that the naval authorities were taking away their labour.

Lt.-Col. Headlam, replying, declared that the reduction in wages was due to this reason. The motion was defeated by 146 votes to 73, and the Navy vote agreed to.

GERMAN MILITARY BUDGET.

CRITICISM OF STAFF REQUIREMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, March 19. The Military Budget, excluding the Navy, totals 483,474,000 marks, and comes up in the Reichstag shortly, when it is likely to be considerably reduced in view of the state of the national finances. Criticism at present is being directed to the fact that the Army of 100,000 men needs an administrative staff of 2,700.

USE OF POISON GAS.

GERMANY FAVOURS ITS ABOLITION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, March 19. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag have adopted a bill to give effect to the Geneva protocol, prohibiting the use of poison gas in war time. Herr von Schubert, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, emphasized that the protocol was the best means of dispelling any erroneous belief that Germany had anything to hide with respect to a chemical warfare.

Effect on Change.

SHANGHAI, March 20. Shanghai Municipal Council 6 per cent. Bonds closed yesterday at 98, and opened this morning at 91, as a result of the tenders for the Shanghai Electrical Plant.

THE AGITATION IN INDIA.

MANY OFFICES RAIDED BY POLICE.

COMMUNISTS ARRESTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, March 20. Dhundiraj Thegad, a Socialist leader, ex-President of the Trade Union Congress, and a member of the All-India Congress Committee, was arrested at Poona on a charge of waging war against the King.

The police here have raided the offices of the Labour Union, and the Free Press of India, and the headquarters of the League of Youth, and seized documents. Three local Labour Leaders, Dange, Mirajkar, and Jhabwala, have been arrested on similar charges.

Elaborate precautions are being taken all over the city, police and military being stationed at strategic points.

Mills are working under armed guards.

Raid in Calcutta. The Police have also raided 35 houses in Calcutta, and arrested the Communist, Philip Spratt, assistant editor of the *Amrita Bazar Patrika*, and other Labour leaders, besides seizing voluminous Communist literature.

It is noteworthy that the Government are re-introducing this week in the Legislative Assembly the Public Safety Bill which was previously rejected by 24 votes to 9, providing for removal of Bolshevists other than Indian and British subjects.

Mill-Hands on Strike.

BOMBAY, Later. As a sequel to this morning's arrests 50,000 mill-hands have gone on strike. Dharamvir Singh, a Swarajist and Legislative Councillor, also Vice-President of the Peasant Workers' Party, has been arrested at Lucknow.

"Conspiracy Against the King." It is understood that under the authority of the Government complaint has been laid against 31 alleged Communists, under section 121 of the Penal Code, namely "Conspiracy to deprive the King of the Sovereignty of British India," and warrants have been issued by the District Magistrate at Meerut, where all the arrested agitators will be tried.

THE KING.

KEPT INDOORS BY MIST.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 20. The King enjoyed another good night. The weather was misty at Bognor this morning, but is expected to improve later sufficiently to enable the King to be taken out of doors. Only two nurses now are in attendance upon him.

Rumours of Visit Abroad. A Kuo Min message says it is reported that King George will visit Bad Nauheim, the famous watering place, in May next. Forty rooms in the sanatorium "Groedel" are being prepared for him and his suite.

MASTER MARINERS COMPANY.

DOMINION MEMBERS ADMITTED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 20. The Prince of Wales, who in his capacity of Master of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, and of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets, presided at the Company's dinner last night, said it was the wish of the Company that it should be Imperial, and for this purpose, the membership had been extended by one hundred, all of whom would be Master Mariners in Overseas Dominions.

FOG IN THE CHANNEL.

PORTUGUESE STEAMER MISSING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

A dense fog in the English Channel, throughout the night, compelled most shipping to anchor, and considerably delayed cross-Channel traffic. The distress call from a Portuguese steamer near Owers Lighthouse, but after many hours search in which other vessels in the neighbourhood joined, failed to discover any trace of the ship.

AUSTRALIAN FLYERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, March 20. The Australian airmen, Moir and Owen, have arrived here, en route to Australia.

INDIA AIR ROUTE SQUABBLE.

GREECE AND ITALY, AT LOGGERHEADS.

SERVICE HELD UP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 20. International difficulties are reported to have arisen between Italy and Greece as regards the ports of call on the air route to India.

According to the *Daily Telegraph* the trouble will almost inevitably entail a postponement of the service until the end of April.

Greece desires Athens to be a port of call instead of Navarino, which was originally scheduled. Great Britain is agreeable but Italy has refused to adopt Athens as a port for her Genoa-Alexandria service.

Since the matter is one for agreement by all three countries, and not Great Britain and Greece alone, a deadlock has ensued.

VICEROY OF INDIA.

WILL VISIT ENGLAND IN JUNE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 19. It is officially announced that the Secretary of State for India has invited Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, to come to England in June on short leave, not to exceed four months, in order to secure a personal discussion with him.

Lord Irwin has accepted the invitation, provided the state of public affairs permits. H.M. the King has approved the appointment of Viscount Gochen, Governor of Madras, to act as Viceroy during Lord Irwin's absence.

TO-DAY'S ROYAL WEDDING.

WILD EXCITEMENT IN OSLO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OSLO, March 19. Prince Olaf arrived at the station an hour ahead of his bride and was greeted by King Haakon. Father and son were cheered in the sharp staccato Norwegian fashion as they proceeded to the palace. Later, with Queen Maud, they reassembled at the station to welcome the bride, who arrived in a special train, decorated with garlands and flags.

Prince Olaf proudly introduced her to the notabilities on the platform. The pair then entered a four-horse landau and drove to the palace along Karl Johan-street, one of the finest in Europe. A glowing popular welcome was extended to the Princess, who continually blew kisses to the enthusiastic crowds.

Prince Olaf and Princess Maud later appeared on the palace balcony in response to a storm of cheers. There was a thrilling climax when the King and Queen joined hands and the spectators fervently sang the Norwegian and Swedish national anthems.

Wild Excitement.

Oslo, March 20 (U.P.).

A special gala performance at the National Theatre this afternoon marked the second day of festivities which will culminate to-morrow in the wedding of Crown Prince Olaf to Princess Martha of Sweden. King Haakon and Queen Maud shared the Royal box with their son and his bride-to-be, while the rest of the wedding party were ensconced in adjoining boxes. Everyone of note in Oslo, as well as those who have come from abroad for the wedding, turned out in force to witness the performance and to see the Royal party. When the curtain fell for the first time the audience rose to their feet in mingled applause for the work of the company and cheers for the Prince and his fiancée.

As the party left the theatre and came out into the frosty air of late afternoon they were greeted by another huge throng, who had not been able to obtain admission, but were nevertheless determined to add their cheers and well wishes to those of the more fortunate.

To-night Prince Olaf and Princess Martha will dine quietly at the Castle with the immediate members of their families. No official ceremonies are planned, as it is desired to allow Princess Martha to retire early in preparation for a strenuous day to-morrow. Throughout the day workmen have been busy putting the finishing touches to the decorations in the Cathedral and along the route from the Castle.

PARIS, March 19.—It is definitely announced that General Goubear has been reprimanded and General de Paroussieux and Colonel Marminia have been relieved of their commands.

THE PRICE OF PETROL.

COMPANIES' REPLY TO PREMIER.

SOVIET COMPETITION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 19. In the House of Commons, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy's request for a further statement regarding the price of petrol and other oils, Mr. Baldwin said that he had received a long statement to-day from the Companies concerned, which would be published. It was much too early to say whether the answer was satisfactory to the Government.

Mr. J. H. Thomas suggested that the preferable course would have been that the Government consider the question and give judgment. Mr. Baldwin disagreed, and expressed the opinion that a matter of such general public interest should have the fullest publicity possible.

Increases Justified.

The joint statement of the Anglo-American, Anglo-Persian, Shell and Mexican Companies, justifying the increased price of petroleum products, statistically supports the contention that the price of motor-spirit and kerosene in Britain for a long time was much below world prices.

This was due to the sale of Soviet supplies far below the level of the world values, which compelled the signatories to meet the situation or to withdraw wholly or partly from the trade.

The arrangements in February, terminating the price-war, which had existed almost for two years, had permitted a return towards the world level which in the long run is essential to the maintenance of supplies in the British market.

EAST TOXTETH ELECTION.

NO CHANGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 19. The result of the by-election at East Toxteth, owing to the death of the Conservative member Mr. A. E. Jacob, is as follows:—

H. Mond (Conservative) 9,892; J. J. Cleary (Labour) 6,563; A. I. Roberts (Liberal) 4,206.

JAPANESE EMIGRATION.

BRAZIL SAID TO BE ANTAGONISTIC.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo (U.P.).—Of recent years, the emigration of Japanese to Brazil has been steadily growing. With restrictions placed on emigration in other directions, Brazil has come to be looked on as a very promising outlet for Japan's surplus population. The climate is eminently suitable, and the families who have settled there have prospered, and "made good."

Plans had been made for the emigration of 15,000 Japanese this year to the Amazon valley. The Overseas Emigration Institute, under whose auspices this large number were to leave their home land, aimed at a high standard of emigrant, not of the labouring classes.

A Hitch.

Everything promised well, and all the necessary arrangements had been concluded, when an unexpected objection appeared in the shape of a cable advice from Mr. Ariyoshi, the Japanese Ambassador at Rio de Janeiro.

The substance of Mr. Ariyoshi's message was that there appeared to be a danger of anti-Japanese sentiment developing among the Brazilian development concerns, as the result of so great an influx of Japanese funded colonists. At present there are no signs of any anti-Japanese feeling, but in order to prevent any such arising it will be necessary to reduce the number of emigrants this year.

Enquiries at the Foreign Office, Tokyo, have elicited a confirmation of the receipt of the warning telegram from the Japanese ambassador.

The Overseas Emigration Institute is now in a quandary as the matter should be settled, and they are committed to arrangements with some 800 families, representing 4,000 persons, with whom contracts have been made, and who have sold their properties in readiness to leave Japan.

The results of the examinations of the London Association of Accountants held in December last have been issued. The total number of candidates who presented themselves for the examination was 621, of which number 276 passed, and 345 failed to satisfy the examiners; 37 candidates sat for the final examination, of whom 19 passed and 18 failed. In the intermediate examination, of a total of 281 sitting, 112 passed and 169 failed, while 17 preliminary candidates passed and 10 failed. The Association's Certificate in Cost Accounts and Systems of Costing was gained by 50 candidates.

THE NEW COTTON COMBINE.

MASS PRODUCTION URGED.

PLANS TO REGAIN LOST MARKETS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 19. Speaking at the Royal Empire Society luncheon, Mr. John Ryan, a Director of the Lancashire Cotton Corporation, said the Corporation had been started under the finest official auspices, free of interest and burdens in respect to indebtedness of the companies absorbed. It would aim at co-operation between the spinner, manufacturer, finisher and merchant, which was essential to recover the Far Eastern markets.

Mr. Ryan showed that the bulk of the loss of the post-war cotton trade had been in cotton cloth and had occurred almost exclusively in the Far East with the Near East participating.

Opinion was "remarkably unanimous that the mass production employed by the Japanese was the only way to recapture this trade and one of the Corporation's main objects would be mass production, thereby largely reducing the costs. The main aim would be to annually increase Lancashire cotton cloth orders by a thousand million more yards."

Mr. Ryan estimated that the potential capacity of the Empire as a cotton producer, excluding India, was about five million bales, and the Corporation intended to increase as quickly as possible the consumption of Indian cotton.

The *Manchester Guardian* says that firm offers, based on a complete valuation, have now been made by the Corporation for 15 mills and 92 are still awaiting completion.

Shantung Garrison Expenses. Replying to a question when the Shantung garrison expenses, which are included in the supplementary estimates of Yen 17,152,000 were presented to the Diet, the Government spokesman stated that maintenance costs for April and May are estimated at Y1,253,000, and the cost of withdrawal of troops Y3,940,000, with Y2,900,000 as a secret service fund in connection with their withdrawal.

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COST OF UPKEEP AND WITHDRAWAL.

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UNEMPLOYMENT.

FIGURES SHOW A BIG IMPROVEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 19. The latest unemployment returns show a striking improvement. On March 11 the total number of workless was 1,268,800 which was 118,432 less than the week before. Compared with a year ago there was an increase of 107,005.

THE AFGHAN TROUBLE.

EX-WAR MINISTER'S THREAT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PESHAWAR, March 19. General Nadir Khan, ex-War Minister, on his arrival in Afghanistan from Paris invited Bacha Saqqo to discuss the question of "selecting a ruler" on the ground that Bacha lacks kingly qualifications. He threatens that if Bacha declines to co-operate he would use his influence to create a tribal rising.

Telegrams in Brief.

Ninety political prisoners have escaped from the notorious Russian prison island of Solovetki after shooting 4 guards. About half of the escaped men are believed dead as a result of hunger and exposure.

Leon Trotsky has brought a small country seat near Montpellier on the coast of the Mediterranean, all the necessary arrangements having been made by a few Russian friends living there, including a sister of Lenin.

Writing in the *Manchester Guardian* after a renewed visit to Upper-Silesia, Colonel Hutchinson says that no one with a sound judgment could dispute that the big German minority in Upper Silesia is suffering under the Polish attempts to bring about its assimilation. The dissolution of the Upper Silesian Sejm was, he declares, a clear violation of the principle of self-determination as guaranteed by the peace treaty and the League of Nations.

LAWN TENNIS.

NG SZE KWONG AND HO KA LAU BEATEN.

NEW-COMERS' SUCCESS.

L. Goldman and J. S. McEachran gave further proof of their capabilities yesterday by beating Ng Sze Kwong and Ho Ka Lau, who are considered the best Chinese combination, in the third round of the Open Doubles Championship, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. They thus enter the semi-final to meet the winners of the tie between the Lo brothers and J. G. Lawrie and G. W. Sewell.

Yesterday's match saw the best tennis so far this week in the struggle for the semi-final positions. Both pairs came up well to the net and the many smart rallies there made the match most interesting to follow.

The winners played a sound game and are to be congratulated on their victory over one of the strongest local pairs. McEachran played in orthodox fashion throughout and without being brilliant proved a great problem for his opponents who found him very brainy and steady both in attack and defence. Goldman gave a convincing performance and seemed to be getting used to local conditions. The two showed very good understanding and their progress will be followed with interest.

Ng Sze Kwong and Ho Ka Lau rather disappointed their supporters by going down, but on the day's play had to admit their opponents' superiority.

The winners opened well and by dint of accurate play won the first set at 8-2 after being 2-1 games down. The Chinese pair, however, retaliated and won the second set at the same score. Goldman and McEachran then forged ahead and led 4-1, which their opponents, after some exciting play, reduced to 3-4. The leaders then took the next game for the third set. A determined struggle followed in the fourth set and some fine play was seen. The British pair played exceedingly well and took the first four games, making it 5-1 later, but the Chinese made a stand and brought the score to 5-4. An exciting struggle followed in the tenth game, but after deuce had been called the British pair won the match.

E. C. Fincher accounted for H. Lo in the fourth round of the Open Singles by three sets to one and thus qualified for the semi-final.

RESULTS.

Open Singles.

E. C. Fincher beat H. Lo, 4-0, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Open Doubles.

J. S. McEachran and L. Goldman beat Ng Sze Kwong and Ho Ka Lau, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "A."

S. E. Green (owe 15/1) beat A. Piercy (rec. 5/8), 6-3, 6-4.

J. Barrow (rec. 3/6) beat D. S. Green (rec. 2/8), 6-2, 11-9.

H. J. Armstrong (owe 1/6) beat J. A. Summers (rec. 2/8), 6-1, 6-2.

L. Forster (owe 15) w.o. from W. A. Nowers (scr.).

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Doubles.

M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo v. G. W. Sewell and J. G. Lawrie.

Handicap Singles "B."

E. J. R. Mitchell (owe 5/8) v. W. A. Stewart (rec. 5/8).

W. Woodward (rec. 2/8) v. A. C. I. Bowker (owe 2/8).

Handicap Doubles.

H. V. Parker and L. A. Duncanson (scr.) v. O. E. C. Martin and H. Owen Hughes (owe 15/1).

S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 15) v. Rev. H. V. Koop and Very Rev. Dean Swan (scr.).

C. Stigter and De Man (rec. 4/8) v. Ashworth and Mills (rec. 5/8).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB v. ARMY.

The following will represent the Club against the Army in the Shield Match at Happy Valley at 3.15 Monday:

P. T. Rids; J. Grieve, G. A. L. Plummer, H. V. Koop, H. Goldman; J. L. Bonnar, R. H. Dowler; J. Riddell, D. Milne-Day, E. R. West, P. L. P. Thomas, R. F. Akehurst, W. Lithgow Smith, J. A. E. Kendrew, W. Leckie.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE MATCH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 19.

Playing at home in Division I of the Scottish League to-day, Celtic defeated Motherwell by two goals to nil.

FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.A. CHALLENGE SHIELD.

CLUB vs RECREIO, 3; H.K. POLICE, 2.

The replay between the Club de Recreio and Hong Kong Police in the second round of the Challenge Shield took place yesterday on the Kowloon F.C. ground. Wynne of the Police had to be carried off the field before the final whistle sounded as the result of a collision with A. Gosano. The Club de Recreio enters the semi-final round by three goals to two. Towards the close of the game, the exchanges between the players were on the rough side and several were limping. There was a large crowd when Fraser set the ball in motion. The opening exchanges were even and after a Police attack had been repelled the Recreio threatened danger on the right, Ward sending in a fast shot that struck the crossbar and rebounded into play. Ward gave the Recs. the lead with a splendid shot that beat Clarke all the way. The Police put on pressure after this reverse and could do everything but score. They were a goal down at the interval.

The Recreio opened the game on resuming and Wynne gave away a corner. The ball travelled at a good pace up and down the field but shooting was inaccurate. Then following a dropping shot by Oram, McGreavy headed into the net. The Police took the lead when Howarth sent in a shot from close range and close on time should have kept the Recreio out. However, A. Gosano saw an opening and he sent Rocha in to beat Clarke just on time.

With the score two all, the teams lined up for extra time. The Recreio were soon dangerous and Brown meeting a centre by B. Gosano took a shot, which Clarke in attempting to clear turned into his own net. The teams crossed over with the Police a goal down. Ward missed a good opening and the Police got close in, Fraser heading over the bar from a pass by McGreavy. Wynne and A. Gosano met in midfield and the former fell and had to be assisted off. Hudson was also injured and went on the left wing. The Police defence was now weakened and the Recreio attacked strongly. E. Gosano sent across the goalmouth and Rocha beat Clarke close in. The goal was disallowed through Rocha being offside. Beltrao saved from McGreavy and a centre from Pile was turned over the bar. Another rush by the Police found the ball in the net but the goal was disallowed through Xavier having been pushed over by a Police forward. The final whistle sounded with the Recreio winning by three goals to two.

TO-DAY'S RADIO.

HELENA MAY INSTITUTE AND THE SINCERE CO.

1.48 p.m.—Weather report.

5.30 p.m.—Concert relayed from Helena May Institute.

1. Double Concerto for 2 Violins and Orchestra.

(Arranged for Piano: J. S. Bach.)

Violins: Capt. Macnair and Miss Acheson.

Piano: Madame Bonenfant.

2. Songs—Negro Spirituals.

(a) To-morrow You Die.

(b) Go tell it on the Mountains.

Harvey Gaal.

Mrs. Sanger.

3. Violin Concerto in A minor.

Vivaldi.

Violin: Mrs. Aubrey.

Piano: Mrs. Cashman.

4. Songs—(Italian).

Lolita.....Bussi Peccia.

Il Pescatore Canta.....Tosti.

Mr. Li Chor Chi.

5. Piano.

2. Movements of the Waldstein.

Sonata.....Beethoven.

Introduzione.....Adagio Molto.

(Leading to the)

Rondo.....Allegretto Moderato.

Mrs. Cashman.

Accompagnist: Miss Braga and Professor Gualdi.

7.43 p.m.—Evening weather report.

8 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music relayed from the Roof Garden of Messrs. The Sincere Co. Ltd.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

DATES OF COMPETITION SETTLED.

LEAGUE TO COMMENCE IN MAY.

NEW PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

Lawn bowls activities during the past season were reviewed by the President (Mr. B. Wylie) at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association held yesterday afternoon in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., was elected President for the ensuing season, while Mr. J. Massey (Civil Service C.C.) was appointed to take the place of the departing Hon. Secretary. Important matters such as the commencement of the League season, details connected with the competitions, and amendments to rules were discussed and satisfactorily settled.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

Addressing the meeting, the President said:—In rising formally to propose the adoption of the statement of accounts for the past year, I think it is due from me to recapitulate, briefly, the outstanding activities of the Association during the period.

Perhaps the most noteworthy happening of the year was the visit of our Interport team to Shanghai where we succeeded, for the first time, in beating Shanghai on their own ground, thus bringing back the trophy to this Colony. This victory was fittingly celebrated when the bowlers of the Colony entertained the Interport team to dinner—an occasion on which they deservedly received the congratulations of all.

You will recall that at the last annual general meeting it was decided to institute the Aitkenhead Shield competition for play between Hong Kong and Kowloon. During the year your General Committee drew up rules governing this competition and the first match was played on January 1 of this year when Kowloon had the honour of winning the shield for the first time. This match will become an annual fixture, thus perpetuating to Hong Kong bowlers the memory of a generous Interport opponent.

From the statement of accounts you will see that during the year we instituted a subscription, and held collections among the various Clubs in aid of St. Dunstan's Homes. A total sum of \$33 17s. 1d. was thus raised and remitted, and the thanks of the Association are due to the many bowlers of the Colony who helped to bring about so successful a result.

The Shield in the 1st Division was won by Craigengower Cricket Club, with the very fine performance of 11 wins out of 12 matches; Kowloon Dock being runners-up with seven matches won, four lost and one drawn.

In the 2nd Division, the Club de Recreio "A" team finished at the head of the table. This Club—young from the bowling point of view—entered two teams in this Division and has now qualified to enter a team in the 1st Division for the forthcoming season.

The Open Singles Championship was won by our old friend Mr. J. Ferguson, of Taihook, his opponent in the final being Mr. A. Clark of the Police. In view of Mr. Ferguson's long record as a skilled singles and rink bowler his victory in the premier competition of the year was the occasion of many well-deserved congratulations. In connection with this event there was a record entry—a fact which in itself speaks well for the enthusiasm of the local devotees of the game.

After having had a somewhat disappointing league season, the Civil Service Cricket Club retrieved their reputation by winning the Spey Royal Cup, the runners-up being Craigengower Cricket Club, who have been in the final for the past three seasons.

It has been our aim and experience during the year under review to suffer the loss of two of Hong Kong's oldest and best-known bowlers. I refer to the demise of Mr. W. G. Gerrard and Mr. David Harvey. It is not easy for myself, who was so closely associated with them both, to refer to so great a loss. Both Mr. Gerrard and Mr. Harvey were members of the first team to go to Shanghai—a visit which established the custom of annual matches between the two ports. Both these gentlemen had in the past occupied official positions in the Association and were always to the fore in promoting the best interests of the game. Mr. Gerrard endeared himself to all by his charming geniality, while in Mr. Harvey we had one who gave of his best and was ever ready to serve the best interests of the Association and his Club. They were person-alities we shall much miss; men who were among the pioneers of lawn bowls in this Colony. I would like to ask you at this juncture to rise for a moment, and in silence respectfully pay tribute to the memory of these old friends.

Before I formally put the adoption of the statement of accounts, I desire to tender my best thanks to the Committee for the assistance they have rendered me during the year. Particularly, do I wish to thank Mr. Tacchi, your Hon. Secretary, for his constant help and guidance; and would also mention the valuable services rendered by Mr. A. MacFarlane, your Hon. Treasurer. We are also indebted to Mr. A. Ritchie for auditing the

statement of account, and to Mr. R. Sutherland for his good offices in securing for us the loan of this Board Room for this meeting.

Mr. D. Templeton, your Vice-President, was absent for the most part of the year, and has since returned home. Mr. O. Brown, our former Hon. Treasurer, has returned from leave, and we are looking forward to his valuable assistance in the future.

Mr. Gow seconded and the proposition was carried unanimously.

League; Entries and Dates.

In discussing the League arrangements for the present season, the question as to whether the Civil Service C.C. should lose their place in the First Division owing to finishing at the bottom last season was brought forward. Mr. Wylie said that a suggestion had been made that this Club retain a team in the First Division, and recalled a precedent seven years ago when a similar concession was granted in the case of the Police Recreation Club.

The suggestion was placed before the meeting in the form of a resolution and the meeting heartily approved of the retention of a Civil Service team in the First Division.

Mr. Massey, representing that Club, expressed his thanks for the consideration shown. In effect, their representation in each division and the promotion earned by the Club de Recreio to the higher section would balance the teams, making eight in each division this season, namely:—

Division I.—Taihook R.C., Civil Service C.C., Craigengower C.C., Police R.C., Club de Recreio, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Kowloon Dock R.C., and Kowloon C.O.

Division II.—Taihook R.C., Civil Service C.C., Craigengower C.C., H.K.K. Yacht Club, Club de Recreio, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Kowloon C.O. and Hong Kong Electric R.C. The last named Club are the successors of the East Point Recreation Club.

The closing date for entries and other matters connected therewith between the Clubs and the Association was fixed for the end of March. The League matches in both divisions are to start on Saturday, May 4.

No change was made in the League subscription, the fee remaining at \$50 for each Club.

Open Championship, Spey Cup, etc.

Entries for the Open Championship are to close on May 1. Mr. Lapsley suggested speeding the playing of the final. A suggestion by Mr. Nish—a very sound one—that in making up the fixture card, the name of the Club should also be shown against the player's name was accepted.

As regards the Spey Royal Cup competition, it was assumed that all the Clubs entering in the League would also take part in the Spey series. The draw resulted in byes for Hong Kong Electric R.C., Taihook R.C., and the Club de Recreio in the first round. The R.C. are drawn to meet in the first round in the top half bracket, Craigengower C.C. meet the Yacht Club, the winner to meet Kowloon B.G.C. in the second round; the other two in the second round are Civil Service C.C. and Kowloon C.O.

Election of Officers.

That the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., be elected as the President was proposed by Mr. Wylie, who spoke about Mr. Southern's active interest taken in the game. The proposal was carried unanimously, Mr. Wylie being himself elected Vice-President.

Officers elected were as under:—President—The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.

Vice-President—Mr. B. Wylie.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. J. Massey.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. A. O. Brown.

Hon. Auditor—Mr. A. Ritchie.

Rules in Compact Form.

Before discussing some proposed alterations and additions to the rules, Mr. Wylie said that there had been several occasions during the year when their incompleteness was discovered, and particularly he wished them to decide whether or not it was desirable to have the rules and by-laws in a booklet rather than on bits of card-board.

In order to save the lengthy process of having to go through all the rules, he asked for an expression of opinion from the meeting as to the method which should be adopted. A member suggested that only

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

ADAMSON CUP—AT HAPPY VALLEY, MARCH 8-13.

E. Moore, 90-13-68 and G. McLeod 90-22-63, tie and qualify. Other scores:—

C. A. Grimes.....88-13-70

B. E. Mangham.....95-24-71

R. Clark.....68-13-73

SINGAPORE FLYING CLUB.

TWO NEW MACHINES DUE THIS MONTH.

Thanks to assistance from R.A.F. officers, the Singapore Flying Club is now able to undertake intensive instruction, and it is hoped that several more members will be passed out very shortly. Flight-Lieut. Carnegie and Flight-Lieut. Nicholls are now acting as hon. instructors, together with Mr. W. L. Legg, the captain of the club. Two new Moth planes are due out and a ground engineer will arrive shortly.

Recently Mr. E. A. Stringer, director of the Dunlop Rubber Co., Singapore, who is a member of the club, went by air to Malacca to meet Sir Eric Geddes, chairman of Dunlop's and Imperial Airways. Mr. Legg piloted the machine, and a quick journey was made—1 hour and 55 minutes to go to Malacca and 1 hour and 40 minutes to return. Singapore was left at 30 a.m. and the machine was back at 12.50. In Malacca Mr. R. Johnson, the first captain of the club (who had to resign on being transferred to Malacca) took the opportunity of making a solo flight.

the proposed amendments which appeared in separate sheets against the old rules should be considered. This was done and six amended rules were passed, superseding their corresponding numbers in the old rules of the Association.

Association Rule Amendments.

Among the amendments were the following:—That the accounts shall be made up and closed on the last day of February in each year instead of on December 31. A copy of the balance sheet and report to be posted at least fourteen days before the annual meeting to each Club Secretary "instead of" to each member. Notice of ordinary meetings of the General Committee to be sent by circular to the Hon. Secretary of each Club. The last amendment made it clear that all persons present at an annual general meeting shall be entitled to vote on any proposal which may be submitted provided that such person is a bona fide lawn bowler.

Matches Stopped by Rain.

An important addition to the League rules concerns the procedure when a match has to be stopped owing to rain. It is now definitely laid down that such a game shall be resumed on a date to be arranged by the General Committee with the scores as they stood at the time of interruption. Further that the same team need not necessarily be played. Another rule made it compulsory for Club Secretaries to register eight players in each of the divisions within fourteen days of the commencement of the League season, instead of "before the first match is played."

Spey Cup Competition Rules.

The rules governing the Spey Royal Cup Competition were put in more definite form, these reading:—

To be competed for by a rink of four from each Club which may be altered or changed for any of the games if required. Preliminary games to be played during the lawn bowls League season.

Game to be best score in 21 heads. To be played on any neutral ground. The challenger, i.e. the first of the Clubs which are bracketed together, shall have choice of ground.

Aitkenhead Shield.

The first match in the competition between Hong Kong and Kowloon for the Aitkenhead Shield was played on New Year's Day. A suggestion was received before the meeting that in future the match should be played on Boxing Day and appeared thus in the proposed amendment. Other suggestions were made that the match be played on Armistice Day and a fortnight after the close of the League. The last proposal met with most favour (18 votes to 4), and the annual match will in future be played two weeks after the close of the League season.

An amendment that the shield shall be held by the Club on the winning side which has the highest position in the League was also approved.

A Presentation.

At the close of the proceedings, Mr. Tacchi, the Hon. Secretary, was presented with a watch. In handing him the gift, Mr. Wylie said that it was a small memento of his valuable services during the past six years, and that it was accompanied with wishes for a pleasant and enjoyable vacation. Mr. Tacchi acknowledged the gift in suitable terms.

A heart vote of thanks to Mr. Wylie for his services during the season closed the business of the meeting.

(Continued on next Column.)

SOVIET ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

"PINK" PARTY LEADERS.

SPEECHES THAT MAY LEAD TO EXPULSION.

Moscow (U.P.).—While the foreground of the political stage here is occupied by the energetic fight against the underground Trotskyist organization, a larger and probably more fateful conflict is taking shape in the obscurity behind the scenes. The Right element within the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, whose principal weakness until now has been lack of able and open leadership, seems to have acquired it.

Unless many indications here are altogether false, Nikolai Bukharin, secretary-general of the Communist International and heretofore the Marxist theoretician of the Stalin group, is emerging as leader of the moderate Rights. A Right program, signed by Bukharin and other prominent Communists, has been presented to the Party for consideration at its next all-Union conference.

The gathering is scheduled for March, but may be postponed by the Central Control Committee in order to permit a settlement in advance of disputed questions. The document may therefore never be brought before the conference for discussion at all. An amicable compromise or summary action against its signatories may remove the program from the domain of legitimate discussion.

"Creative Forces of Capitalism."

According to rumours, Alexei Rykov, President of the Council of People's Commissars, is among the signatories, but confirmation on this point is not available. He is known to have sided with Bukharin on a number of questions on which there was serious disagreement in the Political Bureau of the Party. The nature of the program can merely be surmised from Bukharin's public utterances in recent months. At the session of the Communist International last summer he already took a stand which pointed clearly to his drift away from the official Party viewpoint. For instance, in defiance of the official attitude on this point he declared that since the war "capitalism" has not only been "stabilized" but that it still possesses large "creative forces." This was one of the heresies for which the German Communists, Thalheimer and Brandler, were expelled from the Party.

The fullest statement of Bukharin's views was made recently in a speech in the Bolshoi Theatre here in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the death of Lenin. While guarding himself against a too direct expression of disagreement with the present regime, he nevertheless made a scathing criticism of official policies, especially as related to the peasant question.

An Adroit Attack.

Under the title "Lenin's Political Testament," Bukharin presented an adroitly contrived attack on the government's activities in the last year. In effect, he accused Stalin of having been frightened by Trotsky and other "left" pressure into a course in the villages which Lenin had warned against as ruinous.

"We cannot carry our clear narrow communist ideas into the village suddenly," Bukharin said. "Until the village has a material basis for communism, until then we can say that it would be harmful, the destruction of communism. No. We must begin by establishing intercourse between city and village, without an advance purpose of instilling communism in the village. Such a purpose cannot be accomplished now. Such a purpose is not timely now. It can only bring harm instead of benefits."

But Bukharin was only quoting the words of Lenin, warning against haste in relation to the peasant. "Let us distinguish," Bukharin added, "between Lenin's earth and Trotsky's heaven." He then proceeded (again on the basis of Lenin's views) to warn that the present course is alienating the peasant masses, and that without their support the Soviet regime cannot last. Without the peasants, he declared, the Soviets will not be able to weather the wave which the capitalist world is now preparing.

An Eloquent Address.

Bukharin indirectly urged the cessation of the war against the richer peasants and a halt to the attempts to drive the peasants into "collectives." Before those things can be undertaken, he said, the peasant masses must undergo a "cultural revolution." They are not yet ready for communist ideas. All governmental luxuries and fancy experiments must be eliminated, Bukharin declared, and a lion's share of the budget given

BOAT RACE CREWS IN TRIM.

A CLASSIC STRUGGLE.

"ANYBODY'S RACE" SAY EXPERTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 19.

Everything is contributing to make the Centenary Boat Race the greatest ever seen.

Two finer and more closely matched crews have never before gone to the Tideway to practice. They are likely to be favoured by ideal conditions, while neither crew has given the slightest indication of staleness.

Both are keyed up to the finest point, and the splendid times recorded by both in full course trials last week definitely indicate that it will be a classic struggle.

Cambridge, who have won the race for the past five years successively, are the popular favourites, but expert opinion still wavers.

Both crews have finished their hard training and are taking easy practice daily.

It is generally accepted that the Oxford team is superior at stroke, where Graham's determination may turn the scale.

THE CREWS.

The probable crews are:—

Cambridge.

E. Norman Butler (Eton and Third Trinity)..... 11 8

2. R. J. Elles (Marlborough and Trinity Hall)..... 12 2½

3. R. A. Davies Cooke (Eton and Third Trinity)..... 12 2½

4. Beesly (Oundle and First Trinity)..... 13 1

5. M. H. Warriner (Harrow and First Trinity)..... 13 6½

6. J. B. Collins (Eton and Third Trinity)..... 14 4½

7. C. F. Wool-Lewis (Westminster and Third Trinity)..... 11 12½

T. A. Beckettbank (Eton and Third Trinity) (stroke)..... 11

LINCOLNSHIRE
RESULT.

100 TO 1 SHOT WINS!

MISCOU BEATEN INTO
THIRD PLACE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 20.
The result of the Lincolnshire Handicap, run to-day, was as follows:

Elton 1
Athford 2
Miscou 3

There were thirty-five runners. Won by a short head; one and a half lengths between second and third. Betting: Elton, 100/1; Athford, 33/1; Miscou, 100/8.

THE FIELD.

Probable starters and jockeys had been wired previously, as follows:

Captain Him (7st.13) G. Richards.
Guard's Parade (7.12) James Harpist (7.11) F. Fox.
Garnock (7.10) S. Donoghue.
Saint Fortunat (7.8) Strett.
Orosmede (7.8) Roehetti.
Songe (7.7) S. Wragg.
Caporal (7.6) Burns.
Athford (7.4) Cordell.
Galopin (7.4) St. Leger.
Tommy Atkins (7.4) Baines.
Elton (7.2) Robertson.
Irish Romance (7.1) Pascham.
Residue (7.1) Richardson.
Umslopagaas (7.1) Dineen.
Spot Cash (6.13) Tiddy.
John Silver (6.13) Tiddy.
The Undiscovered (6.13) Magre.
Voltero (6.12) Caldwell.
Harpagon (6.11) Morris.
Miscou (6.11) A. Wragg.
Covent Garden (6.10) Alfard.
County Guy (6.7) Berry.
Cornwallis (6.8) Balch.
Risen Star (6.6) Jeffries.
Scintillation (6.6) Stephenson.
Nestorian (6.3) Lowry.
Berkeley Bridge (6.2) Whitehouse.
Marzipan (6.1) Treacy.
Treasure Island (6.1) Adley.
Minnie Ha Ha (6st.) Getlin.
On Approval (6st.) Sharpe.
Manto (6st.) Kimberley.
Chichester Cross (6st.) Timmins.

THE BETTING.

The betting for the race is appended:

100/12 (t. and o.) Miscou.
9/1 (t. and o.) Scintillation.
100/8 (t. and o.) Garnock.
100/7 (t. and o.) Umslopagaas.
100/8 (o.) Orosmede.
20/1 (t. and o.) Tommy Atkins.
20/1 (o.) Caporal.
20/1 (o.) 22/1 (t.) Cornwallis.
20/1 (o.) Harpist.
20/1 (o.) Capture Him.
22/1 (t. and o.) Irish Romance.
22/1 (t. and o.) Saint Fortunat.
25/1 (t. and o.) Residue.
25/1 (o.) 33/1 (t.) On Approval.
25/1 (t. and o.) Athford.
33/1 (o.) 40/1 (t.) Songe.
33/1 (o.) County Guy.
40/1 (o.) Covent Garden.
40/1 (o.) The Undiscovered.
50/1 (t. and o.) Voltero.
50/1 (t. and o.) Guard's Parade.
50/1 (t. and o.) Musical Prince.
50/1 (o.) Treasure Island.
68/1 (o.) Galopin.
68/1 (o.) Risen Star.
68/1 (o.) Berkeley Bridge.
Manto and Harpagon.

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

Entries for the Grand National, weights and jockeys, are as follows:

Easter Hero (12st.7) Moloney.
Sprig (12.5) Escott.
Bright's Boy (12.4) Foster.
Koko (12.3) Duffy.
Great Span (12st.) Payne.
Trump Card (11.12) Pigot.
Grake (11.9) Hamey.
Mount Etna (11.7) Leader.
Billy Barton (11.7) Gullinan.
Lloyd (11.4) F. Rees.
Gragalash (11.4) Haley.
Ardeen (11.2) Lyall.
The Ace II (11.3) Morgan.
May King (11.2) F. Gurney.
Caria (11.1) Ancil.
Ballystock (11st.) Sassoon.
Montaigne II (11st.) Weber.
Lordi (11st.) Rayson.
Master Billie (11st.) W. Gurney.
Skrun Prince (10.12) W. Gurney.
Le Touquet (10.12) Duffoure.
Overdraft (10.11) Bennett.
Rampant (10.11) Misa.
Ardoon's Price (10.10) Thrale.
Tipperry Tim (10.10) Dutton.
Far Flight (10.10) Brown.
C.B.B. (10.10) Hogan.
Sandy Hook (10.9) Fish.
Knockir (10.8) Gubbins.
Dwarf of Forest (10.8) Kennard.
Diamond (10.8) Balding.
Uncle Ben (10.8) T. McCarthy.
Golden Rebel (10.8) Everett.
Herbert's Choice (10.9) Farrell.
Bech-martin (10.7) L. Rees.
Richmond II (10.9) Stott.
Buckman (10.5) Parvin.
Hawker (10.5) Grant.
Gay Dog II (10.3) Birch.
Denburgh (10.3) Smyth.
Delarue (10.3) Wilson.
Ballyhanwood (10.2) Rhodes.
Camperdown (10st.) Goble.
Toy Bell (10st.) Morgan.
Melloray's Belle (10st.) Mason.
Merrivale II (10st.) Brookes.
Miss Balcadden (10st.) Bowden.
Fleet Prince (10st.) (—).
Wild Edgar (10st.) C. McCarthy.
More, Din (10st.) Harraway.
Kwango (10st.) Waudby.
Orlando (10st.) Wall.
Duke of Florence (10st.) (—).
Elkbrain (10st.) Piggott.
Carrydell (10st.) Maloney.
Cryptical (10st.) Scratchley.
Harewood (10st.) Williams.

Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET
REPORTS.

Quotations at yesterday's market for rice, sugar and other food-stuffs were as follows:

Rice.	Per Picul.
Green Horse's Head	87.17
Pagoda	7.92
Black Seal, Grain	4.65
Green Seal, Broken	5.79
Green Seal, White Bran	2.70
Green Lion	7.33
Green Peacock, Glutinous	8.18
Black Dragon	5.98
Green Elephant	7.78
Green Seal No. 3	7.38
Blue Seal, No. 1 Broken	6.08
Green Seal, No. 2 Broken	5.92

Sugar.

No. 24 Coarse-Granulated	83.33
New Green	6.88
Old Green	5.92

Miscellaneous.

Wood-tar Oil	831.60
Luk On Tea	62.00
Green Tea	16.00
White grapes	38.00

CANTON COTTON YARN
MARKET.

A telegram of the 15th instant from Shanghai says that only a limited amount of cotton yarn was offered that day. The Canton market is fair and though sales are not numerous, prices remain steady as stocks are low. Price of No. 20 grade has increased and unless large shipments arrive from Shanghai, prices will remain firm.

Quotations at Tuesday's market were as follows:

No. 6 Lion	8210
Lion, Ind	304
Hut Hou	306
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	272
Golden City	288
Peacock	270
Lotus and Bee	262
Double Lions	258
Five Lions	260
Yan Chung	268
Tei Fat	268
Tak Lee	268
Excellent Crops	250
No. 12 Golden City	290
Peacock	292
Poo Kwai	290
Poo Yee	292
Tram-car	284
Pretty Damsel	278
Aeroplane	290
Tak Lee	290
No. 16 Globe	310
Golden Dragon	306
No. 12 Globe	342
Globe	338
Good Harvest	332
Fui Sing	332
Double Horses	334
Tin Koon	340
Double Elephants	316
Ng Fook	318
Yan Chung	330
Tram-car	327
Shepherd	325
Po Yee	330
Three Stars	328
No. 32 Pagoda	496
Double Horses	498
Tin Koon	484
Pine Tree and Deer	510
Sheung Hee	510
No. 42 Pine Sons	644
Butterfly	632
Happiness	632

CANTON BEAN MARKET.

On account of the shortage of arrivals and a big demand, stocks of soy and white beans are short and prices have risen. Black bean supply is also short and the market is firm. Stocks of green bean are short but sales are limited. Scarlet bean prices are likely to go up. Latest quotations are as follows:

Soy Bean, Chu Wong 80.60
Soy, Chey Chai Wong 8.50
Soy, Fui Wong 8.50
Black Bean 8.20
White Bean 9.80
Green Bean 9.80
Scarlet Bean 11.60
Green Bean, Sunsheng 11.60

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 19.	
Paris	124.325
New York	4.851
Brussels	34.86
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.12
Milan	92.25
Berlin	90.65
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	18.51
Oslo	18.50
Vienna	34.56
Prague	164
Helsingfors	1921
Madrid	32.125
Lisbon	1001
Athens	375
Bucharest	8141
Rio	51
Buenos Aires	47 11/32
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Shanghai	2/81
Hong Kong	1/112
Yokohama	1/10 1/16
Silver (spot)	251
Silver (forward)	251

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

1928 NET PROFIT \$142,000.

The report of the general managers of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., for the year ended October 31, 1928, which will be presented to the Shareholders at the forty-fourth annual ordinary general meeting of the Company to be held at The Hong Kong Hotel, on Thursday, March 28, at noon, is as follows:

The net profit of the Company for the year under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts and allowing for depreciation of aerated water and other machinery and plant, furniture, fittings, trade utensils, laundries, motor lorries, motor car, etc., amounts to \$142,110.00.

To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last year \$6,117.17

Leaving available for appropriation \$148,227.17

We propose:—
To pay a dividend of 60 cents per share which will absorb \$90,000.00
Place to reserve fund 50,000.00
Write off building improvements 182.50
And carry forward to next account 62,044.67

\$148,227.17

The existing Board of Directors consists of Mr. J. Scott Harrison, The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., and Mr. R. E. Coxon, who retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The General Managers regret to have to record the death of Mr. H. P. White, who had been associated with the Company since April 1904.

The Company's Accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. S. T. Butler, A.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

HONG KONG STOCK
EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

March 20, 1929.	
H.K. Banks	\$1,250 sel, 1,245/1,250 as.
Do.	London, 231 sel.
Chartered Bank	221 buy.
Merchants Bank, A. & B.	2341 nom.
Do.	2151 nom.
P. & O. Bank	224 nom.
East Asia Bank	2301 nom.
China Insurance	\$292 buy, 290 as.
Union Insurance	282 nom.
North China Ins.	160 buy.
Yankee Insurance	\$350 nom.
China Fire Insurance	\$220 buy, 2 sel.
China Fire Ins.	\$275 buy.
Douglas	\$381 nom.
H.K. Steamships	\$24 sel.
H.K. Sigs	\$21 sel.
Indo-China (S.S.)	\$22 nom.
Do. (Do.)	\$22 nom.
Shell Transport	\$221 nom.
Union Waterboats	\$221 nom.
Benguet	\$21 buy.
Kailan Mining Admin.	67/8 buy.
Langkate (combined)	14 buy.
Do. (single)	71 sel.
S'hai Explorations	71 sel.
Shanghai Loans	71 sel.
Banks	10 buy, 715 sel.
Tromph Mines	17/8 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$124 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$101 nom.
China Provident	\$4 sel.
Hongkong	169 buy.
New Engineering	435 buy.
Shanghai Docks	117 buy.
Evo Cottons	1340 sel.
Orinental Cottons	112 nom.
S'hai Cottons (old)	72 nom.
Do.	71 sel.
H.K. & S. (new)	\$310 sel.
H.K. Lands	\$23 buy.
Shanghai Lands	169 buy.
Humphreys Estates	\$14 buy.
H.K. Realities	\$380 nom.
H.K. Tramways	\$185 buy.
Star Trans (old)	\$12 sel.
Do. (new)	\$230 nom.
Peak Ferris	\$28 nom.
China Lights	(71315) buy, 1347 sel, 134 sel.
H.K. Electric (old)	\$52 buy.
Do.	\$51 buy.
Marco Electric	\$284 nom.
Sandakan Lights	\$3 nom.
Telephones	\$710 nom.
China Buses	\$114 nom.
Singapore Tractors	11/8 nom.
Do.	11/8 nom.
China Sugars	\$166 buy, 17/3 sel.
Malayan Sugars	\$30 buy.
Canton Ice	\$3 sel.
Cement (combined)	\$3 sel.
Do. (old)	\$750 nom.
Do. (new)	\$740 buy.
H.K. Ropes	\$12 nom.
United Asbestos	\$1 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$201 sel.
Watsons	\$14 buy.
Der A Wings	\$20 sel, buy.
Leao Crawford	\$2 sel.
Macintoshes	\$20 nom.
Sincere	\$11 buy.
Wm. Powells	\$3.65 nom.
H.K. Amusements	\$43 buy.
H.K. Constructions	\$1 sel.
B'que Indus. G.S. Bonds	\$62 sel.
H.K. Govt. Loans	\$1/2 prem. buy.

buy—buyers; sel—sellers; as—sales; nom—nominal.

SLUMP IN GERMAN
PIANOS.SEVERAL MARKETS
CLOSED.ENGLISH FIRMS GAINING
TRADE.

Berlin (U.P.):—Germany's once famous piano industry has fallen into a serious and perhaps permanent slump. All efforts to revive it through high-pressure sales methods and through the adoption of the installment selling plan have thus far failed. In the trade, radio, the curtailed purchasing power of the German people, and the ever-mounting customs duties of foreign countries are blamed for the low estate into which the industry has fallen.

Before the war between 130,000 and 140,000 pianos were manufactured and marketed annually by German firms; last year the output barely exceeded 80,000, and there are indications that not even this figure will be reached in 1929. The decline has occurred and is continuing in the face of recent extensions and improvements in manufacturing facilities and distribution machinery, and has reduced many of the 300 factories to half-time operation. Some of the shops are turning to other musical instruments and other products in order to stave off bankruptcy.

Effect of McKenna Duties.

From 50 to 60 per cent. of the total production has heretofore gone into the export trade. In 1913 German pianos to the number of 78,400 were sold out of the country, but since 1920 foreign sales have not nearly approached this volume. In 1924 the exports totalled 55,700; in 1925 they were 55,500; in 1926 they fell below 40,000 but rallied slightly in the following year, which showed an export volume of 40,000 pianos. In the first eight months of 1928, however, the downward trend was resumed, only 21,110 instruments being marketed in foreign countries in this period.

One of Germany's best customers in past years was England, which was wont to buy about 22,000 pianos annually; but with the adoption of the McKenna tariff in 1925 English purchases of German instruments fell to 1,500 a year. Similar consequences followed the raising of the Australian tariff. Another excellent pre-war market was Russia, which now has been almost entirely closed to the German product.

In Germany, a country where a piano was at one time considered a primary household necessity—a like disaster has been met. In pre-war days an average of 60,000 instruments were sold annually; in 1928 only 45,000 sales were recorded. The following year the trade artificially stimulated through the adoption of the installment plan and other financing method and sales were again brought to 50,000. Apparently, however, the saturation point was soon reached because in the first seven months of last year the German people bought only 20,000 German-made pianos. On the other hand, English firms are experiencing a boom.

TWO CRUISERS.

1928 PROGRAMME SHIPS TO
BE LAID DOWN.

Mr. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, was asked by Mr. Hore Belisha as to the position regarding the 1928 shipbuilding programme. He writes in reply:—

"The provision in the estimates is on the basis of ordering the ships in February and March of this year, and the arrangements are proceeding."

"The allocation of the programme is: One cruiser, Portsmouth Dockyard; one cruiser and two sloops, Devonport Dockyard; one submarine and one submarine depot ship, Chatham Dockyard.

"The remaining ships to be built by contract."

ANCIENT TEMPLES
DESTROYED.

YOUNG REFORMERS ACTIVE.

Peking (U.P.):—Ancient temples have been destroyed in many cities of North China by ardent young reformers anxious to eliminate superstition, but the famous Lama Temple in Peking thus far remains untouched.

The "devil dance" for which this temple is well-known, is being performed this year as usual, with the hundreds of priests attired in fantastic garments and masks from Tibet.

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

CANTON, March 19.	
Water Works	\$ 3.95
Electric Power & Light Co.	4.80
Canton-Hankow Railway	.53
The Sun Company	90.00
Sincere Company	103.00
Nanyang Bros. Tob. Co.	4.50
Canton Tramway Co.	2.85
China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co.	60.00
Central Bank of China	48.00

SHIPOWNERS' VIEWS
ON TRADE.BRITAIN'S EXPORTS AND
RE-EXPORTS IN 1928
REACHED £843,000,000.AN UNSATISFIED
ASSOCIATION.

It has long been the custom of the Liverpool Steamship Owners Association to issue an annual report, not only dealing with the questions affecting the shipping industry, but setting forth the industry's grievances with a touch of saltsea vigour. The report for 1928 covers a good deal of the ground preceding reports have made familiar.

Double taxation, flag discrimination, light dues anomalies, load line disparities, port charges, and the problems of international law bearing upon bills of lading and policies of marine insurance as usual enter into the record, though with fresh detail. From these worries, in one form or another, the carrying trade has never been free, and perhaps can never expect to be free, but the shipowner, collectively, is not passive.

An Unceasing Vigilance.

Through recognized associations his defence is constantly alert, and no grievance arises without the authors of the grievance hearing about it. The defence is necessary, for apart from its ocean transport would be menaced with strangulation; nothing short of an unceasing vigilance keeps the seas open and free to trade. Owning more than a fourth of the country's steamship tonnage, and that fourth including a yet higher percentage in class and speed, the Liverpool Association is able to protect with weight as well as with energy.

But there is one cause of complaint which, like Aaron's rod, swallows up all the others. It is that the shipowners want more cargo and cannot get it. This cause is, in the report for 1928, gone into with a particularity which takes up one-quarter of the whole document.

It is true that the country's trade has, as compared with 1913, gone up, notably in value. Even exports and re-exports in 1928 reached \$43 millions sterling, which is 208 millions above the 635 millions sterling of 1913. The Association, however, is not satisfied with value figures.

Figures of Volume.

The report prefers to base itself on the figures of volume, and according to the computations finds that while imports amounted to 56,002,000 tons in 1928 they were no more than 56,000 tons in 1929. As to exports and re-exports, the calculation gives 16,937,000 tons other than coal for 1913, and 15,650,000 tons, other than coal, for 1928.

There has, therefore, been a fall in volume of 1,387,000 tons. But coincidentally the exports of coal which were 76,687,000 tons in 1913, were last year 53,684,000 tons only. Consequently, including coal, the drop in the whole volume of exports, as compared with 1913, comes to 24,903,000 tons.

Coming to the explanation, after mentioning that the fall in the volume of exports involved voyages last year with 17 million tons of vacant cargo space, the report gets on to ground which has more than once been fought over.

"The explanation mainly relied upon is found in the costs and charges of the sheltered trades, and the effect of those costs and charges in narrowing the competitive ability of the unsheltered exporting industries."

Leveling Down Wages.

That there is such an effect need not be gained, and in line with it is the effect of taxation used to finance social service expenditure, for this has the same tendency towards stimulating imports of food-stuffs and cheap manufactured goods, while adding to the overhead costs of production for export. When, however, the explanation is stated it is seen at once that large questions are opened. Is the alternative that of leveling down wages in the sheltered trades, of that of leveling up productive economy and competitive ability in the unsheltered? And in regard to social service expenditure is the alternative that of scrapping it, or that of developing the capacity to stand it?

These alternatives are the problem. Undoubtedly expansion of the country's exporting industries is the source to be looked to, and undoubtedly these industries have been set a hard task. On their success in fulfilling the task the nation's commercial future depends, and with it the prosperity of our merchant shipping business is bound up.

Judge Rowlands, a defendant at Clerkenwell: Have you a wife? Man: My wife is very well, thank you.

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Pres. Wilson, Sun., Apr. 21, 8 a.m. Pres. Polk, Sun., June 2, 8 a.m.

To Manila

Pres. Grant, Mar. 26th, 6 p.m. Pres. Madison, Apr. 13th, 6 p.m.
Pres. Lincoln, Mar. 30th, 6 p.m. Pres. Pierce, Apr. 23rd, 6 p.m.
Pres. Cleveland, Apr. 9th, 6 p.m. Pres. Jackson, Apr. 27th, 6 p.m.

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DRAMA OF FROZEN NORTH.

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HUNTER FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER.

Moscow, (U.P.).—A lurid drama of love, greed and murder, enacted in the frozen North of Siberia, with a well-known young Russian explorer, Nikifor Begichev, as its victim, has recently been brought to light here.

Begichev's death from scurvy while on a hunting expedition was reported in the Press in the spring of 1927. One of his comrades on that expedition, the hunter Natalchenko, has now been found guilty of murder. It has been established that he killed Begichev in order to take possession of his widow, with whom he was in love, and through her also of a considerable amount of money.

It was not clear in the proceedings whether the explorer's widow had any share in planning the murder, although it was proved that she had been carrying on a love affair with Natalchenko before her husband's death.

Suspicious Argued.

Begichev in 1920 headed an expedition, undertaken at the request of the Norwegian Government, in search of two members of the crew of Amundsen's ship "Maud." As a reward for his efforts he was presented with a large sum of money by the Norwegian Government—the same money which later came into the hands of his murderer.

In the autumn of 1928 Begichev organized a hunting party to the northernmost parts of Siberia. He left his home, the fur trading station of Dudinka on the river Yenisey, accompanied by Natalchenko, whom he considered among his closest friends, and other Arctic hunters. In the following spring the expedition returned—but without its leader.

Natalchenko told an apparently credible story of how Begichev had been taken ill with scurvy, how heroically he had behaved to the end, and how, several days later, on May 22, 1927, he had died. Natalchenko showed photographs of the corpse and of the grave near the Piosina river. Other members of the group supported his story, and for a while no one doubted its truth.

Suspicious were first aroused when Natalchenko and the widow of Begichev both disappeared from Dudinka. They showed up in Krasnoyarsk and were discovered living in high style upon Begichev's money. Inquiries by the police soon disclosed the whole story.

Natalchenko, it appeared, had lured Begichev from his comrades, provoked a fight and knocked him senseless. In this condition he brought him back to camp, where he died two days later without having regained consciousness. Natalchenko then returned to Dudinka to console the widow, who was not unwilling to receive his amorous attentions.

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE.

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The S.S. Chronos which is due to arrive from Australia and Rabaul on Friday has been purchased by the Austral-China Navigation Co., Ltd., for service between China and Australia in conjunction with the S.S. Calcutta. Messrs. Dodwell & Co. are the local agents for the vessel and inform us that she will sail for Shanghai and later return to commence the service.

The route taken by this service to Australia includes calls at many of the island ports which other lines do not touch. Leaving Hong Kong on April 4, the vessel will call at Manila, Iloilo, Sandakan, Balikpapan, Rabaul and Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

Our representative was informed that there was a possibility of an additional steamer being purchased by the Company, also for the Australian service, in the near future. All vessels have accommodation for both passengers and cargo.

The S.S. Chronos was built in 1915 by Messrs. W. Hamilton & Co., Ltd., of Port Glasgow for the Australian Steamship Proprietors, Ltd. (Messrs. Howard Smith & Co., Ltd., managers agents), but was brought by Messrs. B. B. Wiltshire & Company of Sydney who are the managing owners of the Austral-China Navigation Co. Her net tonnage is 2,612 tons and gross 4,363 tons. Her length is 384.7 ft., Beam 51.4 ft. and Depth 28 ft. She was assigned to 421 N.E.P. by Messrs. D. Rowan & Co., of Glasgow, and is capable of 12 knots. Captain Gibbons is in command.

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A General Average having been declared we are instructed by Owners to collect in Cash an Average Deposit of 5% of the actual c.i.f. value of the Goods plus 10% prior to Delivery of the Cargo.

Average Bond and Valuation Forms may be obtained on application at the Office of the Underwriter.

Steamer is due arrive here on or about 22nd Instant.

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Hong Kong, 18th Mar., 1929. [7541]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th March, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 8th April, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

21st March, 1929. [7546]

HAMBURG AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Motor Vessel "BURGENLAND"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd March, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 22nd March, 1929, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All Claims must reach us before the 6th April, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

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Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1929. [7536]

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

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Consignees are further notified that the Steamer "SAARBRUECKEN" has taken at BREMEN and HAMBURG through Cargo for HONG KONG, via S.S. "Tungus," S.S. "Erica," S.S. "Maja," S.S. "Bona," S.S. "Kona Bayan," S.S. "Gitta," S.S. "Kona Ali," S.S. "Nix," S.S. "Ganter," and S.S. "Elster," from GOTHENBURG, HALMSTAD, "AALBORG," OSLO, WIBORG and KOTKA.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th of March, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Aho at 10 a.m. on the 23rd of March, 1929.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

Hong Kong, 17th Mar., 1929 [7534]

PRINCE LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

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Having arrived from the above Port on 19th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, 25th instant, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within 15 Days of the Vessel's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th instant, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

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Hong Kong, 18th Mar., 1929. [7547]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st instant, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 4th April, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th instant, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 14th Mar., 1929. [7552]

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TJISAROE	SEAL & AMOT	21st Mar.	23rd Mar. 4 p.m.	BATAVIA
TJIMANOER	DALNY, K'LUNG & AMOT	25th Mar.	27th Mar. 4 p.m.	MAKASSAR & SOERABAYA
TJISONDARI	SEAL & AMOT	1st Apr.	3rd Apr. 4 p.m.	BATAVIA & MAKASSAR
TJISALAK	DALNY, K'LUNG & AMOT	8th Apr.	10th Apr. 4 p.m.	MAKASSAR & SOERABAYA
TJIKEMBANG	SEAL & AMOT	11th Apr.	13th Apr. 4 p.m.	BATAVIA & MAKASSAR
TJITAROEM	DALNY, K'LUNG & AMOT	21st Apr.	24th Apr. 1 p.m.	MAKASSAR & SOERABAYA
TJIKARANG	SEAL & AMOT	22nd Apr.	24th Apr. 4 p.m.	BATAVIA

NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE, WEDNESDAY	FOR
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	1st Harbour	23rd Mar.	AMOT & SHANGHAI
TJITAROEM	JAVA, MAKASSAR	1st Harbour	23rd Mar.	AMOT & N. CHINA
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	30th Mar.	1st Apr.	AMOT & SHANGHAI
TJILEBOET	JAVA, MAKASSAR	3rd Apr.	6th Apr.	AMOT & N. CHINA
TJIKARANG	BATAVIA	10th Apr.	12th Apr.	AMOT & SHANGHAI

TO MANILA.

STEAMERS	FROM HONG KONG	FROM MANILA
TJIMANOER	27th March, 4 p.m.	30th March
TJISALAK	10th April, 4 p.m.	13th April
TJITAROEM	24th April, 1 p.m.	27th April

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Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.

AMCOY.

Santhia, B.I., Mar. 22.
Tijsondani, J.C.J.L., Mar. 22.
Haining, Douglas, Mar. 22.
Tijsondani, J.C.J.L., Mar. 22.
Yusang, Jardine's, Mar. 22.
Anking, B. & S., Mar. 22.
Haining, Douglas, Mar. 22.
Szechuen, B. & S., Mar. 22.
Chinhua, B. & S., Mar. 22.
Haining, Douglas, Mar. 22.
Anhui, B. & S., Mar. 22.
Tilawa, B.I., Mar. 22.
Takliwa, B.I., Apr. 1.
Tijkenboet, J.C.J.L., Apr. 1.
Tijkenboet, J.C.J.L., Apr. 1.
Takada, P. & O., Apr. 10.
Tijkenboet, J.C.J.L., Apr. 12.
Namsang, Jardine's, Apr. 17.

ANTWERP.

Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Australia, Manners, Mar. 21.
Padua, P. & O., Apr. 2.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

St. Albans, E. & E., Mar. 22.
Chronos, Dodwell's, Apr. 4.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 24.

BALTIMORE.

Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 25.
Australia, Manners, Mar. 21.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.

BALTIMORE.

Nainbank, Bank, Apr. 2.
Laomedon, Bank, Apr. 10.

BANGKOK.

Kwangchow, B. & S., Mar. 24.
Kwangtung, B. & S., Mar. 27.
Kalgan, B. & S., Mar. 31.

BOSTON.

Nainbank, Bank, Apr. 2.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Laomedon, Bank, Apr. 10.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Apr. 14.

BOMBAY.

Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 31.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Apr. 1.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 11.
Naldera, P. & O., Apr. 13.

BREMEN.

Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 25.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.

BRINDISI.

Piave, Dodwell's, Mar. 23.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Apr. 2.

CALCUTTA.

Talpa, B.I., Mar. 22.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Mar. 22.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Suisang, Jardine's, Apr. 1.
Santhia, B.I., Apr. 17.
Tilawa, B.I., Apr. 22.

CEBU.

G'den M'tain, States S.S., Mar. 21.
Texas, States S.S., Apr. 3.
G'den Dragon, States S.S., Apr. 6.

CHEFOO.

Kueichow, B. & S., Mar. 23.
Huichow, B. & S., Mar. 31.

COLOMBO.

Piave, Dodwell's, Mar. 23.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Khyber, P. & O., Mar. 23.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Mar. 23.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Mar. 24.
Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 25.
Ermland, Jebson, Mar. 26.
G. Metzinger, M.M., Mar. 26.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 26.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 28.
Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 30.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 31.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Apr. 1.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Apr. 2.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Apr. 3.
Leverkusen, Jebson, Apr. 5.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Porto, M.M., Apr. 9.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 11.
Naldera, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Burgeland, Jebson, Apr. 16.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Apr. 22.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.

COPENHAGEN.

Australien, Manners, Mar. 21.
City of Khartoum, Bank, Apr. 8.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.

DALNY.

Tijkenboet, J.C.J.L., Mar. 22.
Trave, Melchers, Mar. 24.
Yingchow, B. & S., Mar. 24.
Africa, Manners, Mar. 31.
Ruh, Jebson, Apr. 5.
Coblentz, Melchers, Apr. 12.
Vogland, Jebson, Apr. 19.

DUTCH PORTS.

Patroclus, Blue Funnel, Mar. 20th.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 25.
Ermland, Jebson, Mar. 26.
Australia, Manners, Mar. 21.
Calchas, B.F., Apr. 2.
Padua, P. & O., Apr. 2.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Apr. 3.
Leverkusen, Jebson, Apr. 5.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
City of Khartoum, Bank, Apr. 12.
Burgeland, Jebson, Apr. 16.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.

FOOCHOW.

Haining, Douglas, Mar. 22.
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GENOA.

Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Mar. 24.
Ermland, Jebson, Mar. 26.
Leverkusen, Jebson, Apr. 5.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Burgeland, Jebson, Apr. 16.
Lima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Eurypylus, B.F., Apr. 20.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.

GLASGOW.

City of Khios, Bank, Mar. 23.
Antenor, B.F., Apr. 17.
Eurypylus, B.F., Apr. 20.

GOTHENBURG.

Australien, Manners, Mar. 21.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Kwangtung, B. & S., Mar. 27.

HAMBURG.

Ermland, Jebson, Mar. 26.
Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 25.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 26.
Australia, Manners, Mar. 21.
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HAVRE.

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HONOLULU.

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Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 3.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Apr. 9.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., Apr. 10.
Korea Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 17.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.

HULL.

Khyber, P. & O., Mar. 23rd.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 26.

LOILO.

G'den M'tain, States S.S., Mar. 21.
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Hakata Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 22.
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Mutsang, Jardine's, Mar. 23.
Trave, Melchers, Mar. 24.
Lahore, P. & O., Mar. 25.
Shidzuoka Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 25.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Mar. 26th.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., Mar. 26.
Ajax, B.F., Mar. 27.
Koyei Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 27.
Maybashi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 28.
Esquillo, Dodwell's, Mar. 28.
Oana, B.F., Mar. 28th.
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Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, Apr. 1.
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Takada, P. & O., Apr. 11.
Jeypore, P. & O., Apr. 11.
Coblentz, Melchers, Apr. 12.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 12.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Mar. 23.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 30.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 31.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Apr. 1.
Suisang, Jardine's, Apr. 1.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.

KARAI.

Chronos, Dodwell's, Apr. 4.
Bremerhaven, Melchers, Apr. 10.

KANGOO.

Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.

SAIGON.

G. Metzinger, M.M., Mar. 26.
Porto, M.M., Apr. 9.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Apr. 22.

SANDAKAN.

St. Albans, E. & E., Mar. 22.
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Mausang, Jardine's, Apr. 5.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Apr. 13.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Golden Tide, States S.S., Mar. 22.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., Mar. 26.
Maybashi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 28.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 3.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 3.
Michigan, States S.S., Apr. 6.
Toba Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 12.
Korea Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 17.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Apr. 9.
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Yogland, Jebson, Apr. 19.
Toyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 22.
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Tijsondani, J.C.J.L., Mar. 22.
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LIVERPOOL.

Lima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 10.
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LONDON.

Khyber, P. & O., Mar. 23.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
City of Khios, Bank, Mar. 23.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 26.
Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 30.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Apr. 1.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Apr. 3.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
City of Khartoum, Bank, Apr. 12.
Naldera, P. & O., Apr. 13.
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Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.

LOS ANGELES.

Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., Mar. 26.
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Golden Peak, States S.S., Apr. 13.
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MANILA.

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City of Guildford, Bank, Mar. 22.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Mar. 24.
Ermland, Jebson, Mar. 26.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, Mar. 26.
City of Khios, Bank, Mar. 23.
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St. Albans, E. & E., Mar. 22.
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Nainbank, Bank, Apr. 2.
Texas, States S.S., Apr. 3.
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Leverkusen, Jebson, Apr. 5.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Apr. 9.
Laomedon, Bank, Apr. 10.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Pres. Madison, Dollar, Apr. 13.
Burgeland, Jebson, Apr. 16.
Changte, B. & S., Apr. 16.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 24.

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Khyber, P. & O., Mar. 23rd.
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Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 25.
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G. Metzinger, M.M., Mar. 26.
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SANTO, S'HA, N'CHANG & DALNY	"YINGCHOW"	On 24th Mar.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 24th Mar.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SZECHOW"	On 26th Mar.	5 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA"	On 27th Mar.	8 a.m.
HOIHOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 27th Mar.	10 a.m.
WINDRAVE, CHONGPOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 31st Mar.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWAPOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 31st Mar.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 31st Mar.	Noon

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	CHENONORBAUX	29th Apr.	29th Apr.
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STATION	MARCH 19, 1929.										MARCH 20, 1929.									
	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND		WAVE (Beaufort)	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND		WAVE (Beaufort)						
	Inches	Milts.			Dir.	Force (Miles per Hour)		Inches	Milts.			Dir.	Force (Miles per Hour)							
Wladivostok	12	29.82	75.5	35	N	5	b	6	29.88	75.6	26	...	...	0	b					
Nemuro	11	29.61	75.0	...	S	1	...	5	29.06	73.0	...	SW	2	2	b					
Hokodate	...	29.55	75.0	...	S	...	...	...	29.35	74.5	...	W	3	5	...					
Tokio	...	29.69	75.4	...	S	4	...	...	29.59	75.1	...	N	2	0	...					
Kochi	...	29.69	75.4	...	NW	2	...	...	29.90	75.9	...	N	0	2	...					
Nagasaki	...	29.92	76.0	...	W	6	...	...	30.02	76.3	...	NNW	2	0	...					
Kagoshima	...	29.88	75.9	...	NW	2	...	...	30.00	76.2	...	N	0	0	...					
Oshima	...	29.98	76.1	...	NNW	1	...	...	30.04	76.3	...	NNE	3	2	...					
Naha	...	30.00	76.0	...	WNW	2	...	...	30.06	76.3	...	N	4	1	...					
Ishigakijima	...	30.04	76.0	...	NW	2	...	...	30.08	76.4	...	N	1	1	...					
Bonin Island	...	30.04	76.0	...	SSE	4	...	...	29.75	75.5	...	N	1	...	...					
Chefoo	15	30.16	76.0	38	84	NW	2	b	30.15	76.5	30	100	0	0	b					
Shanghai	14	30.21	76.7	57	56	NE	1	b	30.18	76.6	37	86	ESE	2	b					
Gutziatt	...	30.27	76.8	52	47	NNE	2	b	30.22	76.7	42	68	SE	4	b					
Sharp Peak	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.06	76.3	52	92	ENE	1	b					
Amoy	...	30.02	76.2	71	57	ENE	4	b	30.05	76.2	56	69	ENE	2	b					
Swatow	...	29.99	76.1	66	90	E	2	b	30.03	76.2	59	94	E	1	b					
Taihouku	11	30.11	76.4	72	89	E	4	b	30.04	76.2	59	79	E	4	b					
Taihu	...	30.07	76.3	77	...	NW	2	b	30.05	76.2	54	...	...	0	b					
Tainan	...	30.02	76.2	76	...	N	2	b	30.00	76.2	55	...	...	0	b					
Koshun	...	30.02	76.2	81	...	NW	2	b	30.00	76.2	66	...	NE	4	b					
Pescadores	...	30.05	76.3	75	...	N	2	b	30.02	76.2	63	...	N	4	b					
Hong Kong	14	29.98	76.1	75	62	W	2	b	30.01	76.2	63	85	E	4	c					
Gap Rock	...	29.98	76.1	...	N	3	b	b	29.99	76.1	...	ENE	4	c	b					
Macao	...	29.94	76.0	73	71	ESE	2	b	29.95	76.0	63	90	SE	3	b					
Hoihow	...	29.97	76.1	74	82	NE	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Pratas Island	...	29.99	76.1	77	66	NE	3	b	29.96	76.1	70	85	NNE	4	c					
Phulien	15	29.99	76.1	82	48	S	3	b	29.97	76.1	64	100	S	2	b					
Tourane	...	29.99	76.1	72	...	N	2	b	29.97	76.1	64	...	SW	2	b					
Cape St. James	...	29.87	75.8	79	...	E	6	...	29.87	75.8	73	...	ENE	2	b					
Basco	14	29.93	76.0	79	69	NE	4	b	29.99	76.1	68	...	NNE	2	o					
Apurri	...	29.89	75.9	79	78	NE	4	...	29.92	75.9	72	88	ENE	4	o					
Tuguegarao	...	29.86	75.8	86	58	N	2	b	29.91	75.9	68	96	...	0	o					
Vigan	...	29.81	75.7	86	18	NNW	4	b	29.80	75.6	73	56	E	2	o					
Manila	...	29.79	75.6	86	56	SW	2	b	29.82	75.7	72	91	NNE	2	o					
Legaspi	...	29.78	75.6	81	84	NNE	2	...	29.81	75.7	77	91	NNE	2	o					
Calbayog	...	29.78	75.6	81	86	SW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Tacloban	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Liloilo	...	29.76	75.6	81	84	NE	4	...	29.80	75.6	75	100	NE	4	o					
Cebu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Surigao	...	29.75	75.5	82	84	...	0	...	29.78	75.6	75	96	...	0	o					
Saipan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.77	75.6	76	...	ESE	5	b					
Guam	12.22	29.82	75.7	...	...	E	6	b	29.85	75.8	...	...	E	1	o					
Yap	11.00	29.82	75.7	...	...	ENE	4	...	29.84	75.7	...	...	ENE	2	o					
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.86	75.8	81	...	E	2	c					
Labuan	14	29.81	75.7	86	84	NW	2	b	29.82	75.7	78	91	NW	2	c					

March 20d. 11A. 80m.—The depression has deepened considerably and is now central to the N.E. of Japan. The anticyclone has weakened and is central to the N.N.W. of Shanghai.

Moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.52 inches, against an average of 4.82 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON THE 21st.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamoochs
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Mar. 20th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 1 p.m.
Barometer	29.96	30.01	30.01
Temperature	75	63	69
Humidity	62	85	67
Wind	W	E	E
Direction	W	E	E
Force	2	4	3
Weather	B	O	B
Rain	0.00	6.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 19th: 78

Lowest open-air Temperature, 20th: 63

B=Blue sky; O=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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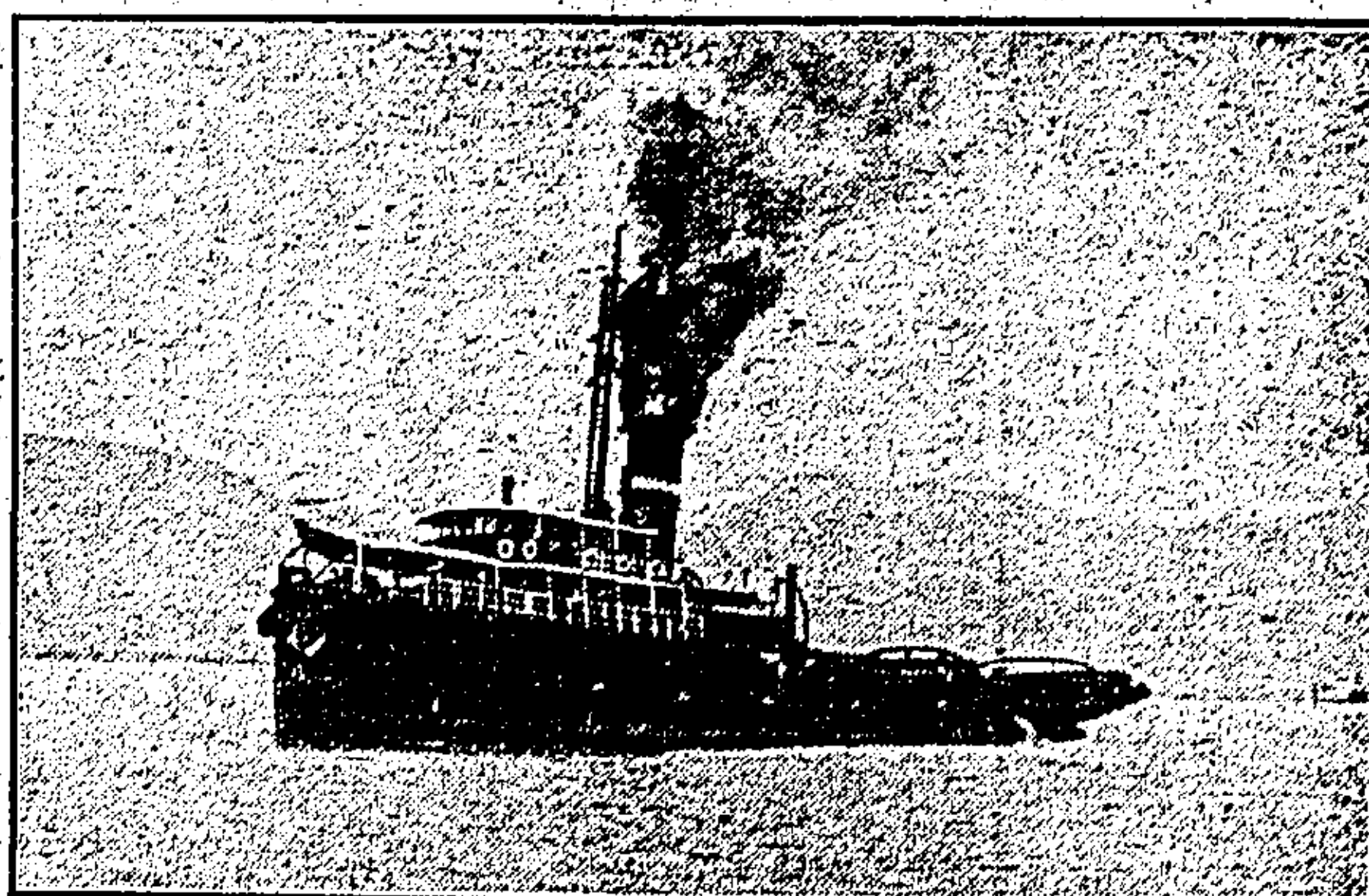
From March 21st to 27th, 1929.

Days of Week	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thur.	21	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 38	4 4	1 21	1 0
Fr.	22	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		6 33	6 8	11 34	4 1
		9 0	4 5	2 3	0 8
Sat.	23	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		7 36	7 0	0 58	2 7
		9 21	4 7	1 35	0 9
Sun.	24	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 32	7 11	1 56	3 2
		9 45	4 9	3 10	1 1
Mon.	25	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		10 3	5 2	3 40	1 3
		10 8	6 8	3 36	2 2
Tues.	26	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		10 33	5 5	4 9	1 7
		10 52	6 3	4 9	1 9
Wed.	27	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		11 33	5 8	4 51	1 7

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To	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Thurs., 21st Mar., at Noon
	"CHAKSANG"	Sun., 24th Mar., at 7 a.m.
	"KWONGSANG"	Wed., 27th Mar., at 7 a.m.
	"KWAISANG"	Sun., 31st Mar., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"YUENSANG"	Satur., 23rd Mar., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via AMOI & MOJI	"NAMSANG"	Wed., 17th Apr., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KITSANG"	Mon., 25th Mar., at 3 p.m.
	"SUISANG"	Satur., 1st Apr., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MATSANG"	Fri., 5th Apr., at 3 p.m.
	"HINSANG"	Satur., 13th Apr., at 3 p.m.
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 20,700. THROUGH CARGO 36,700 TONS.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the general returns shown at the Harbour Office of cargoes carried by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

British	Cargo	Through
City of Dunkirk, New York	00	260
Chinese Prince, New York	100	600
Keemun, Japan	—	4,000
Kwihchow, Tongku	1,000	80
Ichang, Canton	—	550
Haiching, Foochow	600	—
Hydrangea, Swatow	200	—
American	1,960	5,500
New York, Portland	2,260	890
French	2,260	890
Francis Gardiner, Haiphong	300	—
Dutch	—	—
Van Heutz, Singapore	580	190
Danish	—	—
Bintang, Bangkok	3,120	—
Norwegian	—	—
Okstrand, Sarmarind	490	—
Prominent, Saigon	2,430	—
Akero, Tarakan	6,810	—
Swedish	—	—
Nippon, Vladivostok	—	3,600
Japanese	—	—
Indus Maru, Japan	410	3,330
Kitano Maru, England	630	5,120
Amur Maru, Hamburg	720	9,500
Tango Maru, Japan	300	2,500
Hozan Maru, Keelung	480	—
Portuguese	3,520	20,450
Tinze, Canton	60	—
Chinese	—	—
Kok Hing, Macao	50	—
Chung Kong, Tourane	140	—
Total	20,700	30,720

Arrivals and Departures.

The following were the arrivals and departures during the period under review:—

Arr. Dep.

British 8 6

Japanese 3 2

Norwegian 2 6

Chinese 2 0

American 2 0

Dutch 2 0

Danish 1 0

French 1 0

Swedish 1 1

Portuguese 1 1

Total 26 24

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

KITANO MARU DELAYED.

The s.s. Kitano Maru (Japanese) of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha European service arrived a day late from Middlesbrough and Singapore. Her delay, according to the local agents was caused by heavy monsoons from Singapore. However, the vessel sailed yesterday evening at 6 p.m. for Shanghai where she will make up the schedule.

Shoals in Hong Kong Harbour. The following notification to Mariners regarding shoals in Hong Kong Harbour has been posted at the Harbour Office.

The shoals to the Northward of Stonecutters Island are marked by conical buoys and bearings and distances from the Northern fixed red light on Stonecutters Island are shown hereunder:—

Pinnacle Rock	deg. yards.
Trocas Rock	015 580
Hankow Rock	032 550
Whistle Buoy Adrift.	032 1,170

The master of the s.s. Bentang (Danish) which arrived here from Bangkok and Hoilow, reports having sighted a whistle buoy adrift during the voyage to Hong Kong.

A Birth and Death.

The s.s. Van Heutz (Dutch) arriving from Belawan Deli and Singapore with 1,833 deck passengers reports a birth and a death during the voyage. The deceased was buried at sea.

Low Water in the West River.

River boats arriving from Kowloon and Wuchow report that the water in the West River continues to be very low. The s.s. Sanning, although very light at the time, ran aground during her voyage down to Hong Kong from Wuchow, but got off without much trouble. It is feared that difficulty will be experienced in reaching Wuchow should the water in the river continue to fall.

Making Fast to a Steamer.

Two boatpeople, a mistress and master of passenger boats were before Commander G. F. Hole at the Marine Court yesterday morning for making fast to the s.s. Prominent (Norwegian) while the vessel was under way in the Southern Fairway. The defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$10 each with the alternative of 10 days' hard labour.

Marine Memorial.

A marine memorial in memory of Robert Black, Chief Engineer of the s.s. Kocho, who was killed by pirates in the West River, September 1927 was unveiled by H.E. the Governor at St. Peter's Church, West Point, yesterday morning. A detailed account of the ceremony appears in another page of this issue.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Kweichow (Br.) Tongku, S'ow	78
Haiching (Br.) F'chow, S'ow	640
Hydrangea (Br.) Swatow	628
Van Heutz (Dutch) Bel Deli, Singapore	1,833
Prominent (Nor.) Saigon	205
Hozan Maru (Jap.) Keelung, Swatow	102
Total	3,484

ARRIVALS.

March 19.
Bintang, Danish str., 1,725 tons, Capt. V. L. Relster, from Hoilow, buoy No. C15—John Manners & Co.
City of Dunkirk, British str., 3,758 tons, Capt. H. Parry, from Shanghai, buoy No. A8—Bank Line.
Golden Mountain, American str., 3,729 tons, Capt. H. B. Hansen, from Shanghai, Stonecutters—States S.S. Co.
Ichang, British str., 1,928 tons, Capt. W. L. Thomas, from Canton, buoy No. B13—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Prominent, British str., 1,377 tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from Saigon, buoy No. C32—Y. O. Fat Sing.
Tai Foo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. Maternati, from Kwang Chow Wan, China, Merchants' Wharf—Shun Chong Co.

March 20.
Ekstrand, Norwegian str., 1,945 tons, Capt. J. M. Zachariassen, from Telok Bajoor, Stonecutters—J.C.F. & Co.
Francis Gardiner, French str., 815 tons, Capt. J. Pethin, from Haiphong, buoy No. C43—K. Larsen & Co.

Hai Ching, British str., 1,237 tons, Capt. O. C. Dalziel, from Fochow and Swatow, Douglas Wharf—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

Hozan Maru, Japanese str., 2,350 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Keelung, O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

Hydrangea, British str., 361 tons, Capt. Wm. Brewer, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On Co.

Kitano Maru, Japanese str., 7,953 tons, Capt. Y. Tomioka, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Kwong Sang, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. A. D. Keelman, from Swatow, West Point Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

New York, American str., 3,468 tons, Capt. P. F. Johnson, from Kobe, buoy No. A8—States S.S. Co.

Santhia, British str., 4,841 tons, Capt. A. B. Dering, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—B.I. S.N. Co.

Sinabang, Dutch str., 1,010 tons, Capt. J. Boon, from Canton, Yaumatei—J.C.F. & Co.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. R. Shearer, from Swatow, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Talma, British str., 6,154 tons, Capt. R. W. Hocking, from Osaka and Amoy, Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Tijsongrat, Dutch str., 5,619 tons, Capt. P. Weide, from Muntok, buoy No. A4—J.C.F. & Co.

Washington, American str., 3,472 tons, Capt. E. P. Wendt, from Manila, buoy No. A24—States S.S. Co.

CLEARANCES.

March 20.
Akera, for Tarakan.
Amur Maru, for Shanghai.
Athelmer, for Sourabaya.
City of Dunkirk, for Manila.
Deli Maru, for Swatow.
Ekstrand, for Shanghai.
Ichang, for Amoy.
Kitano Maru, for Shanghai.
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"PADUA"	5,907	2nd Apr.	Mars. L'don, A'werp, B'dm. & H'burg.
"NADDEBA"	16,088	13th Apr.	Straits, Colombo and Bombay.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	18th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"KALAMALA"	9,128	20th Apr.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"ALIPORA"	5,273	24th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,948	27th Apr.	Mars. L'don, A'werp, B'dm. H'burg.
"KALYAN"	9,144	1st May	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MOBEA"	10,953	25th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"LAHORE"	6,252	1st June	Mars. L'don, A'werp, B'dm. H'burg.
"DELTA"	8,097	8th June	Marseilles and London.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	15th June	Mars. L'don, A'werp, B'dm. H'burg.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,588	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & L'don.
"PERIM"	7,848	29th June	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	6th July	Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	16,801	10th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	3rd Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,950	17th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALAMALA"	9,128	31st Aug.	Marseilles & L'don.
"MOBEA"	10,953	14th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,948	28th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,385	12th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
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"TILAWA"	10,006	31st Apr.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,336	3rd May	do.
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"ABAFURA"	6,000	31st May	do.
"TAKADA"	8,849	5th July	do.
"ABAFURA"	6,000	2nd Aug.	do.

